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after it.

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To the Parishioners of St. Martins in the Fields and St. James Westminster.

My most Worthy Friends,

I Have had such Experience both of your Judgment and Candor, that notwithstanding the many false Reports and Papers industriously scattered by some of the less sincere and less generous *Romanists*, I have trusted my Reputation with you. I was well assured that you would not pass any Censure till you had well understood the Case; and that Truth, tho' it moved slowly, would overtake that Falshood which made such haste to be before It. It is certain that the Discourse it self does not deserve the name of a *Conference*; for the Crowd and the Noise gave such an interruption, that the closeness of Discourse which was intended, could never take place: But there are other Reasons which move me to publish that which has passed, and without the doing of it, some unworthy ends would have been further served upon the credulous. I am not conscious to my self of any thing in which I have not been just or fair. What I said either with less Strength, or more warmth than I ought to have done, I have set down, and laid it before your Charity. It may be I have a motive to severe language towards that sort of men, which few have besides me. My Father being turned out of his Living of Mondesley in Norfolk, as an Adherer to King Charles the *Martyr*; a Person, one of whose names was Gubbard, recommending himself to the Committee at Norwich as a man who had a zeal for the same *Cause* in which

The Epistle Dedicatory.

which they were engaged, took Possession of the *Living*, and received all Profits, but restored nothing; and with *Mondesly* he held the *Living* of *Knapton* also. After a few years he began to throw off part of his Disguise, and he Preach'd up *Purgatory*, and other such points in so open a manner, that the same Committee who had put him in, turn'd him out again; and in a little time he (as it were) vanish'd away. This instance of such gross Hypocrisie and Injustice made impression upon me when I was young, and so rais'd my Suspicion and Indignation, that where I have met with any thing of a like nature, it has been some difficulty to me to temper my self. But nothing (I hope) shall ever so transport me, as to prevent the doing of my duty among you, and my Willingness to *spend* and be *spent* for a Pious, Steady, Generous and Affectionate People, who have pass'd as high Obligations as man can have to man, upon,

My most Worthy Friends,

Your most Thankful and Faithful

Pastor and Servant,

THO. TENISON.

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the Letter framed for the Boy in p. 71. was written in two different hands,
and that the latter part of it being compar'd with Mr. P's other Letters, ap-
pears to have been written in his hand.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T.

The Vindication of A. D. C. Schoolmaster in L. A. from the
Aspersions of A. Pulton Jesuit, and Schoolmaster in the Satby, will
be speedily Published by the said A. D. C.

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As also of that which led to it; and which
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MR. *V.* of *L.A.* having occasion to come to *D.T.* at his House in *St. Martins* Church-yard, about business in the way of his Trade, he brought his Apprentice *J.S.* along with him; and intimation having been given the day before by Mr. *V.* to *D.T.* that the said Apprentice was departing from the Church of *England*, having been at Mass nigh two Months before; *D.T.* desired Mr. *V.* and his Apprentice to come into his Closet; and there he ask'd the Boy what Reasons could induce him to leave so good a Church? For a while he could scarce be prevailed with to answer a word; but at last after much importunity, he said a few things, and told them that Mr. *Pulton* the Jesuit was the

person in whose Lodgings he had been, and that he had perswaded him by his Arguments. D. T. ask'd him, what Arguments those were? He answered, he had showed him in *Luther's* works that *Luther* held sometimes Three, and sometimes Seven Sacraments; and added, that *Luther* was dissuaded from going to Mass by the Devil; and that ever since the pretended Reform'd had proceeded upon the word of the Devil. D. T. showed him how frivolous that Story and Argument was, and ask'd the Boy what kind of Book it was which was shew'd him for *Luther's* works. He pointed to a Book in the Closet in thin Quarto. D. T. after telling him, that *Luther's* works could not be contained in so small a compass, and that he believed Mr. P. would not justify this way of reasoning before him; and discoursing to the Boy out of a Place or two in the Scriptures, and saying what he then thought proper, dismiss'd him, and advised his Master to send him into the Country to his Father, who was reported to be a man of condition, and judicious; for he had observed a very odd temper in the Boy, and a strange figure in his Countenance, and had been told before by Mr. V. That since his having been tampered with and seduced, his very countenance was altered, he seemed often as if lie were mop'd; he was grown so great a Lyar, that they knew not how to believe or employ him; and so troublsom to the other servants by saying they were Damn'd; and talking to them about Popery, that he had made all the Family uneasie. That very day the boy had been with D. T. he had the confidence to turn that about *Luther* and the Devil which was said by the Jesuit, upon the said D. and to ascribe it to him, saying, that the D. had told him *Luther* left Mass at the instance of the Devil, so that from thenceforth the Reformation proceeded upon the word of the Devil.

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It was a little after Whitsontide last, when this Fit began to take the Boy, but it was not so observably violent till of late ; it seems Mrs. *V.* had written to his Father before D. *T.* had seen *J. S.* His Master after having been with D. *T.* carried the Boy to Dr. *Horneck*, still hoping to work good upon him ; but his perverseness was so apparent to D. *H.* notwithstanding all the things of moment he said, that he perceived him gone past present Cure.

Great boast was made in the Neighbourhood about Mr. *P.* ; and odds were offered that D. *T.* would not meet him ; though there was little reason for that boasting ; few days having passed since D. *T.* and M. *L.* in vain expected the coming of two Priests at a Place and Time mutually appointed. Mr. *V.* said he was very certain the Dr. would come, and the Party of Mr. *P.* having named a Place and Hour, Mr. *V.* came to D. *T.* to give him notice of what was done. D. *T.* assured him he would meet, tho 'twas inconvenient, a Friend from beyond Sea being just come to him, and it being to no purpose as to the Boy ; and it serving cunning people with a colour for saying that upon what he heard, *He was converted*. Mr. *V.* granted all this ; but added, that if Mr. *P.* were not met, it would be said it was because none dare meet him ; and upon that motive, how inconsiderable soever to men of sound sense, the matter turn'd, and 'twas agreed on all sides that there should be little Company, and no Noise ; and on one side Mr. *P.* his Friend, and the Boy ; and on the other D. *T.* Mr. *V.* and his Wife.

This being agreed, D. *T.* when the hour came, broke away abruptly from two Eminent Divines, D. *S.* and W. *W.* without so much as letting them know about what business he was going, and he went to the place alone, without either Friend or Servant. B 2 He

He had not been there many Minutes, before Mr. P. came in with nine or ten after him, several of his Boys pressing at the door, but being hindred from entring; D. T. does not say that Mr. P. brought them all. How many Priests there were among these who came first, D. T. could not tell, but he espied in the room, which was of a sudden crowded with people, Mr. *Meredith*, whom he look'd upon as next to a Priest; a Priest in a yellow Pe-ruke, one who owned, that if he was not in Orders, he hop'd to be so; one from the Lady S. I's of L. A. whom he supposeth to be a Priest, and one in a plain Band, who (as was said) came with him. It was not so very easie in the Crowd to take full notice of these; and how many there were more of such men, he cannot tell; nor does he say that they were all of Mr. P's bringing.

D. T. perceiving such a Company, said to Mr. P. that this way seem'd not fair, he himself having come without either Friend or Servant, that he might not transgres the Agreement for the Privacy of the Conference. The Master of the House excused himself, saying, That he had denied some very good Friends who desired to be there, that he might keep to what was agreed. Then Mr. P. was content to dismiss all besides a witness for himself; and Mr. *Meredith* was propos'd.

Against Mr. *Meredith* D. T. made three Objections.

First, That he having received from C. O. a Copy of a Conferen^ce betwixt the D. of S. P. and Mr. G. given him by Mr. *Meredith*, and having show'd it to the said D. of S. P. the D. had assured him the said D. T. That it was not a true Copy, and that a material thing about the present Greek Church was left out: Mr. M. referred to what was printed upon that occasion.

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The Second Objection made by D. *T.* was, that Mr. *M.* had in a Coffee-house pitied the state of St. *Martins* as being a very great Parish under one Man; and capable of maintaining Thirty Fryars. D. *T.* said further, That such an intermedler was not a proper Witness. And afterwards in another Room, That he should not count his Fryars before they were hatch'd. Mr. *M.* replied calmly, That he had said this with relation to the greatness of the Parishes in the Suburbs, and not with particular regard to D. *T.* or St. *Martins*; and that tho' he nam'd the Parish, he was a stranger to D. *T.* and had not reflected upon him.

The Third Objection was taken from Mr. *M.*'s having forsaken the Church of *England*, such being more partial, and possessed with a spirit of fiercer bigotry than those who were *Romanists* from the beginning. Mr. *M.* then answered, He was the better judg, because he had known both Churches. D. *T.* answered then, that he went away young from our Church, from which no man, who well understands it, could depart upon true Principles. Mr. *M.* and D. *T.* revived this discourse in another Room afterwards, and D. *T.* saying Mr. *M.* was turn'd in *Spain*, where the people had no Bibles. Mr. *M.* replied, That they carried over with them a very good Library of Books.

After these Exceptions taken at Mr. *M.* as a Witness, D. *T.* perceiving it next to impossible to clear the Room, and not being willing to give occasion to the insulting of any weak people by going away, call'd Mr. *Meredith* to him, and placed himself betwixt Mr. *P.* and Mr. *Meredith*.

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Then Mr. *P.* spake first about Pen and Ink, and an *Amanuensis*; but D. *T.* having brought no person with him, and the Crowd pressing, Mr. *P.* began a Verbal Conference, by saying the Protestants had no Bible, and desiring D. *T.* to prove they had one, and asking him how and whence they had it, and what was their Rule of Faith.

And his first onset was very vigorous. D. *T.* answered at first to this purpose, That Mr. *P.* might send for that Book which he owned to be his Bible, and out of that he would dispute with him; or if that were too great a trouble, he would borrow an English Bible in the house (which was afterwards fetch'd) and discourse out of that, and endeavour to vindicate the Translation, where it should be by Mr. *P.* excepted against.

This Method Mr. *P.* would not allow, but repeated his discourse about our not having a Bible, and our not being able, if we had one, to prove we had one; and ask'd again about the Rule of our Faith. D. *T.* before he answered to this, applied himself to Mr. *M.* (who seem'd to be the calmer person, and of a temper inclining to Piety) and put him in mind, that such discourses as these, and some others, lately used by the *Romanists* about the *Trinity* and *Transubstantiation*, would rather make the people Atheists or Unbelievers, than Converts; and that the indifferent were ready to say, Content: We cannot believe Transubstantiation, and we will have no Trinity; we cannot have the Bible unless we take it upon *Roman Authority*, and none we will have.

Mr. *M.* said, That would not be the consequence, but gave no reason why he said so.

Then D. *T.* turned to Mr. *P.* and told him that he began at a point of which the Boy had not said a tittle

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to him in the Closet, or to his Master ; the first and chief thing said by him being that about *Luther's Works*, and *Sacraments*, and his *Colloquy* with the Devil. Mr. P. at first denied that he had shown such a Book to the Boy, and the Boy began at first to shuffle about the Story, but afterwards own'd it, his Master attesting it, and upbraiding him with lying in that and other things. Mr. P. then salv'd the matter, by saying he did not show him the Book in Publick. D. T. then replied, Is not a thing shown because it is not shown in a Market ? this is the fruit of the ill art of Equivocation. Mr. P. proceeded to talk about *Luther* and the Devil, and his leaving Mass at the Devils instance : this discourse of Mr. P.'s had very good effect upon the other servants in the house, as they confessed to their Mistress, they now perceiving that to be the *Jesuits* talk, which the Boy had fathered upon the Doctor.

To Mr. P.'s discourse about *Luther*, D. T. answered on this manner ; That our Church depended not upon *Luther*, but Christ : That *Luther* (some grains of allowance being given to him, as we ought to every man) was an excellent instrument of God's : That he ought to have read (if he had not done so) the Book lately published at *Oxford*, Entituled, *The Spirit of Martin Luther* : That if *Luther* had said any where there were Three *Sacraments*, he had said no more than *Pascas Radbertus* who was the Inventer of Transubstantiation (a). That admitting the Story, *Luther* after the Monkish way, had put his Spiritual Conflict into the form of a *Colloquy* ; and that he might well suspect a device in the Devil when he dissuaded him from the Mass ; for the Devil might think the Piety of *Luther* would be apt to move him for that reason to go the rather to Mass, because the Devil had forbidden him.

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(a) *Pasc. Radb.*
de Corp. &
Sang. Dom. c.
3. op. p. 156 t.
sunt autem sa-
cramenta
Christi in Ec-
clesia, baptis-
mus & Chris-
ma, corpus
quoque domi-
ni & sanguis.

D. T. added, that one of the first dissuasives from the Mass which made impression upon *Luther*, was this. He had been at *Rome*, and said Mass there, and heard it said, and he took notice of the profaneness of the Mass-Priests ; and he over-heard the very Courtizans jeeringly saying, that some who Consecrated , had used these Words , *Bread thou art, Bread thou shalt be : Wine thou art, Wine thou shalt be.*

Mr. P. asked D. T. where he had this Story ? D. T.

(a) V. Vit. Lu. theri ap. Melch. Ad. p. 104. answered, where he might have it, in *Luthers Life* (a). D. T. would have gone on and given Mr. P. a Story out of their second Synod of *Nice*, for his story about *Luther's* Colloquy with the Devil ; but Mr. P. would not accept of an old Tale for a new one ; and tho D. T. began his Story at the request of the people, five or six times, Mr. P. would not suffer him to proceed , out-noising him in such manner, that D. T. ask'd him if he had the Art of curing the deaf.

The Story, which was afterwards told to the people in

(b) See Lat. Council, To. 7. Act. 4. Con. 2. Nic. p. 253. 254. &c. 5. p. 382. the back room, was this : (b) Abbot Theodore reported before the Fathers of that Council which decreed the Worship of Images, how the Devil appeared to an Old Monk, who asked him why he had troubled him so long with temptations to uncleanness ; the Devil swore him to secrete, and then said, *Adore this Image no more, I will give you no further trouble* [the Image was that of the Blessed Virgin with the Holy Jesus in her Arms]. The old man revealed this to Abbot Theodore, who said he shoud not have sworn to the Devil ; yet notwithstanding 'twas better for him not to dismiss his Courtezan , than to forbear to worship Christ and his Mother in an Image. The Abbot continued and comforted the old man, and sent him away ; the Devil appeared again , and upbraided him with perjury ; the old man answered, *What I have sworn, I have sworn, &c.*

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The *Good Fathers* excused the breach of his Oath, and went on to applaud the practice of Image-worship.

Mr. *P.* not suffering *D.T.* scarce so much as to begin this story, joined with Mr. *Meredith* in asking what was the Rule of Faith, and where we had our Bible? And as to the latter, Mr. *P.* ask'd with great quickness, who gave us the Copies, how, where, when and the like? Insomuch that *D.T.* told him he was doing the office of a Catechist, rather than a Disputer. However *D.T.* answered thus,

First, The Rule of Faith is the Holy Bible; the sum of it in necessary Doctrines, is the Apostolical Creed: Mr. *P.* said we had other Negative Articles, No Purgatory, &c. *D.T.* replied, they were Guards of our Creed, but not properly Articles; and that as Protestations against *Them*, they were not very Ancient, because their Errors were not all from the beginning; and that we could not pull up the weeds before they were grown up.

Secondly, That if they had any good proof of the Bible, we had it too; and that the first external inducement for the receiving of the Bible, as written by such and such persons, and as such a Book, was (not so much the Authority as) the Testimony of the Universal Church of all Ages, all agreeing in it, and amongst others the Roman, excepting the Apochryphal Books of later time raised by them into a level with the primary Canon, whilst we have the same Canon the Ancient Church owned in the Council of *Laodicea*.

D.T. added, That the Protestants took in the Testimony of Heathens, as of *Julian the Apostate*, who, against himself, owned three of the Evangelists; and the Jews, who had once the Oracles of God committed to them, and from whom the first Christians received the

Canon of the old Testament. Mr. M. catch'd at the words, and said, D. T. builds his Faith on Jews : D. T. answered, That that was not fair, and that he should take his words in their coherence, and make the best of them : He continued, and said, That by this way of Universal Consent, we were by way of external inducement as sure of this Books being the Bible, as of Cicero's Offices being his Book. Mr. M. said we were not infallibly sure of that : D. T. added, That the Consent of the World removed all doubt ; and that for the Holy Bible, when men came to consider the Prophesies and their Events, the Characters of Christ, the History of Christ, and things in those Books most worthy of God, and use of pious means in humility of Soul, they had further assurance begotten in them. Mr. M. asked D. T. how he proved that inward sense ? D. T. said it could satisfie the persons themselves.

Then Mr. P. began again to ask Questions about the Bible ; How, from what Churches, Copies, &c. we had received it ? It had been no difficult matter to have perplexed him, by asking from what Copy of the O. T. St. Peter had his ? What Copy of the New he gave to Linus, and he to the rest ; and where and by whom Linus was ordained, and in what form, &c. but he only ask'd him upon what motive he believed Infallibly that St. Peter was ever at Rome, seeing the Scripture had not said it ? Mr. P. said all the world knew that. D. T. ask'd him whether all the world were good witnesses for this, and not for the Bible ? Then Mr. P. said something of *Thou art Peter, and upon Thee will I build my Church.* D. T. said that he made no distinction between the masculine and feminine Gender ; and that the Text ran not upon *thee Peter, or this Peter* ; but upon *this Rock* ~~an m̄t̄p, r̄p m̄t̄p~~ in the Feminine, tho admitting that our Saviour did build upon him (for by him he opened the Kingdom of

of the Gospel to the Jews at Jerusalem, and to the Gentiles at Cesarea), yet seeing there were Twelve Foundation^s; Christ promising that he should be one, did not exclude the other Eleven.

Hereabouts upon Mr. P's citing this place, and that other, *Hear the Church, &c.* and D. T. desiring to fix upon something, and opening an English Bible, and Mr. P. denying it to be the Bible, and D. T. desiring to send for a Greek Testament, one was produced by the Company, but not used, Mr. P. saying he would allow the Translation of the places to be true. Mrs. R. in this talk about St. Peter, being nigh Mr. P. said softly, 'twas St. Peters Confession on which Christ built his Church.

Hereabouts also Mr. P. spake about a Church at *Rome*, spoken of by St. Paul ; and D. T. taking up the Bible, and desiring to show how that matter stood, was not permitted after three or four offers.

For Mr. P. turned all off by general discourse about the Bible and Rule of Faith, and began again to ask Questions, and to say that the Greeks of whom D. T. spake, were all Lyars, being Hereticks, and that the Catholicks (meaning Romans) were said by him to be a corrupt Church, and that therefore the Protestants depended upon Lyars for their Bible.

Here first began a strife about the word Catholick, and of the Popes being the Catholick Bishops ; and D. T. asking Mr. P. whether the Ancient Bishops of other Sees did not stile themselves the Catholick Bishops of this and the other place, Mr. P. yielded it, and this word-bate ended.

Then D. T. in Answer to his Argument said to this effect.

First, That the Greeks were not all Lyars and Hereticks ; and that the Missionaries had Misrepresented them.

Secondly, That when all the World, of all Ages, conspired in a testimony about a book or such a City as *Rome* or *Jerusalem*, tho some might be ill men, and in some particulars Lyars, yet we could not believe them Lyars in their Universal Consent, because they could never be in a Confederacy to vend such a Lye.

Thirdly, That tho we took in part the Testimony of the *Roman* Church, yet from her Authority the S.S. could not be prov'd, because she went about to prove her Being and Authority out of the Scriptures, and therefore could not do it till it was first proved that the Scriptures were the Word of God, and the places cited were infallibly proved to carry that sense which the *Romanists* put upon them.

D. T. remembers not that any thing was said to the *two last*, but upon the *first* Mr. P. charged him with joining with the Greeks in the Heresie of the *Holy Ghost proceeding from the Father by the Son* : Mr. D. A. C. (not known before to D. T.) interposed, and said, That that was a dispute about Phrases, and that they were agreed in sense : And when Mr. P. wondred at that saying, and had said there would in a fortnights time come forth a Book which should sufficiently show what the Greek Church was, D. T. referred him to *Father Simons* Book, called [*Histoire Critique de la Creance, &c. des Nations, du Levant*] published three years ago ; in which that Learned *Romanist* shew'd how the *Missionaries* had flandered the Greek Church, and made those Hereticks who were not so, and raised a dust about words when they agreed in mean-

meaning. Mr. P. did not own his knowldg of this Book. [Since the Conference D. T. hath seen a Second Book upon the like Argument (*a*) (lately published by the said Learned French man); and he perceives by it, that as times Change, men can do so too].

(*a*) La Cre-
ance de l'Eg-
lise Orientale
sur la Tran-

Here abouts D. T. offer'd to fix upon someting, and subst. &c. to speak to the Text cited by M. P. viz. *Hear the Church*; but Mr. P. did not suffer it for some time, but said, The Church was *a City on a Hill*, and always visible; and ask'd, Where such a Church as ours was visible in all Ages? And how, and where, &c. And clap'd his Hand with great force upon the Table; and a while after said, If he could not shew the visibility of his Church, and we could that of ours, he would be *hang'd*. D. T. when Mr. P. beat the Table, said, smiling, Sir, I would not by any means come under your *Ferula*. Mr. P. replied very calmly, I use none. D. T. does think that he ought to have spared those words, as seeming to reflect upon that Profession which he very much Honours, as one of the most useful in the World: As likewise those used by him upon Mr. P's talking of being *hang'd*, it being somewhat severe.

But in heat of talk D. T. did say; Mr. P. you use a very scury word; and you put me in mind of a saying of the late Lord Faulkland, *You are apt to hang and to damn; but if they whom you hang, were no more hang'd than they who you damn, were damn'd, few men would fear either your hanging or your damning.*

After this there was more talk about the visibility of the Church, and D. T. said to this purpose, The History of this matter is beyond both the Purse and the Capacity of the People. A great many Pounds and Books are required. [A Priest or Candidate said, 'Tis

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in less room, and was pulling out, I think, a little Book]. It sufficeth the People that they have heard Christ's Promise, That there shall be a Society of men professing Christianity to the end of the World; That they believe Christ will make good his word, and that they find among us such Doctrine, and Rules of Life, as are in the Bible. That the Greeks have always had Churches; that among the Latins, we have Catalogues of Witnesses against Romish Errors; That a True Church may (though not as such) have many Corruptions; And that the present Corruptions in the Roman Church, were not formerly made Articles of Faith.

That we had the True Faith, before any Mission came from Rome. That S. Gregories Faith was not that which Rome now teaches. That here the Synods of the Second of Nice and Trent could not prevail; That a Doctrine contrary to Transubstantiation had been taught in the Saxon Church; and that he would prove such things as these out of their own Writers. Mr. M. ask'd what Writers? D. T. answer'd Beda, and such Historians as Hoveden, &c. D. T. said moreover to Mr. P. asking after a distin&t Church before Luther, That he would shew him Christians in Bohemia, making the Bible their Rule, and protesting against the Errors of Rome: And ask'd him, If he should shew him out of Æneas Sylvius? Mr. P. did not desire it, nor seem to know what Book that was.

Mr. M. had some while before ask'd D. T. (who had said, That we find the Bible which we now have quoted by the Ancient Fathers) How he came to know they were Fathers? To which Question he thought

thought an Answer in that Place, a condescension to an impertinence.

Hereabouts (I think) Mr. P. introduced a short Discourse about *Transubstantiation*; and when D. T. had said, as before, that that manner of the Breads becoming Christ's Body, was invented by *Paschasius Radbertus*, M. P. in warm manner said What talk you of *Paschasius Radbertus*? It was decreed in the Great General Council of *Lateran*, where there were all the Patriarchs. D. T. perceiving him to mistake so much in History; and likewise err in time nigh Four hundred years (for *Paschasius* flourished, according to *Bellarmin*, in the year 821. and that *Lateran* Council was held *Ann. 1215.*) He turn'd to Mr. M. and said, Why do you bring a man who has not common skill in History? And then, turning to Mr. P. he ask'd him, Under what Pope that Council was held? And his Memory did not serve him to tell. Then Mr. D. A. C. addressing himself to him (having a Breviary in his Hand, in which the Trinity was pictur'd) said, Sir, I can inform you under what Pope that Council was held; 'twas held under *Innocent the Third*; Mr. P. being moved either by his Answer, or his Book, or Picture, or all; called him Buffoon. D. T. then told Mr. P. he had transgressed against part of the Office of that day of St. Michael, in which these words of St. Jude were read, *Michael the Arch-angel disputing with the Devil about the Body of Moses, would not bring against him a railing Accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.* And further D. T. ask'd him, If all the Patriarchs were there in person, or not? Mr. P. replied, *By their Legats.* D. T. ask'd him, Whether he had seen Father *Walsh*'s late Book, which contradicted what he said: Mr. P. answered, that Father *Walsh* was not his Pope. [Some of the words of

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(a) Letter to Father Walsh the Franciscan, are these, (a) There were not above 414 Bishops in the whole ; and none of all, other than a Member of the Latin Church ; those very Two Patriarchs (he means those of Hierusalem and Constantinople) being themselves Latins; and consequently, not one of the Greek Church, or of any other part or Church of the World, among them]

By this time, Mr. P. had produced a *Breviary*, a written Collection of Quotations, and Two large sheets of Quotations printed ; and would go to the Fathers. D. T. desired first to speak to his Citation, *Hear the Church* ; but still being denied, he was contented to hear what he would alledge out of the Fathers, with this Caution, That he would not take them either for his infallible Judges or Rule ; but that, seeing he had them on the side of his Church, he would not part with them. He began with his *Breviary*, and read out of it part of that which

(a) Infra Oct. Corp. Christi. Lectio 4. Tu forte dicis : meus panis est usitatus. Sed panis iste panis est ante verba Sacramentorum ; ubi accesserit consecratio, de pane fit Caro Christi. Hoc igitur astruamus, quomodo potest, qui panis est, corpus esse Christi ? Consecratione.

Lectio 5. Vides ergo quam operatorius fit sermo Christi ? Si ergo tanta vis est in sermone Domini Iesu, ut inciperent esse quæ non erant ; quanto magis operatorius est, ut sint quæ erant, &c in aliud commutentur ? Coelum non erat, mare non erat, terra non erat. Sed audi dicentem, ipse dixit, & facta sunt ; Ipse mandavit & creata sunt. Ergo tibi ut respondeam, non erat corpus Christi ante consecrationem ; sed post consecrationem dico tibi quod jam corpus est Christi. Ipse dixit, est factum, & ipse mandavit & creatum est.

he nam'd S. Cyril's Catechism, and then *Justin Martyr*, and was going on to read many more Citations out of the printed Sheets, entituled, *Speculum Ecclesiasticum*, but call'd (it seems) by their Hawkers, *The Soldiers Paper*: of which Title D. T. being ignorant, his Man could not till *Wednesday*, procure him a Copy of them.

D.T. Propos'd the fixing upon something after so long and noisie a rambling; and call'd for Pen, Ink and Paper, and said he would begin with S. Ambrose, and then go on to S. Cyril and J. Martyr in the order of Mr. P. and answering those Quotations there at that time, he wou'd afterwards, as they agreed, go on to the rest. Mr.P. would go on, and read further: and did it so often out of those two Sheets, repeating the names, *Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, &c.* that D.T. provoked with what he thought an unreasonable digression, call'd the Papers his Ballads, and said he might give them for Kites to his Boys; which words were too light, and he repents him of using them.

At last D. T. took the Pen and wrote down an Assertion to this effect, ‘*That that was a spurious and late Book, and none of S. Ambrose’s, and that he would show it to be such.*’ Then he desir’d Mr. P. to underwrite that D. T. could not do what he there undertook. M. P. refus’d, and taking a Pen began to write his name to his Quotations in the printed Sheets; but did not write (as I think) all his name there. After which Mr. M. took Pen, and D.T. delivering him the Paper he had sign’d in order to a regular proceeding, he began to write the first words of thele Questions, *Whether God Almighty hath left us any Guide or Guides to direct us in the Interpretation of Scripture in things necessary*

cessary to Salvation? Whether he hath left every one to his own understanding in such Interpretation, without obliging him to submit his judgment to any others?

D. T. interrupted him, and said he was drawing them away from their point. And upon this occasion M. M. and D. T. talk'd a little while about a Guide in Controversie; and D. T. did tell him in short, That a Man after using all Christian means, and the help of all Ministerial Guides possible, must at last judge for himself, and that this was not to run on his own head: as also that our People could know the Voice of our Church, it being in their own Language; but not so readily the Voice of the Church of *Rome*, it being in an unknown Tongue; for the true Interpretation of which the unlearned depended upon the particular Priest that instructed them.

Then D. T. and Mr. P. came again to the Quotations: and D. T. waved for a time that out of S. *Ambrose*, in relation to which he us'd a word somewhat too sharp, saying Mr. P. *falsified*, instead of saying he had quoted a spurious Author. So they came to S. *Cyril's Catechism*; to which D. T. said, He knew the place Mr. P. meant, and that it was answered nigh twelve Years ago at the end of the Conference betwixt some Gentlemen of the Church of *Rome*, and Dr. *Stillingfleet* and D. *Burnet*. Mr. P. said, That Conference as written by D. St. and D. B. was answered, and that he would give D. T. the Answer. Something was said to Mr. M. about that Conference, which needs not (as I imagine) to be here repeated.

After this D. T. desir'd Mr. P. to read out of his printed Paper, the place out of *Justin Martyr*, which he did. The words were these:

S. Justin Mart. in Apologiâ Antonio Pio Imperatori pro Christianis oblati. ‘Now this Food, saith he, amongt us is called the Eucharist, which it is lawful for none to partake of, but those who believe our Doctrine to be true, &c. For we do not receive this as common Bread or common Drink, but as the Word of God, Jesus Christ our Redeemer being made Man, had both Flesh and Blood for the sake of our Salvation; Just so are we taught, that That Food over which Thanks are given by Prayers in his own Words, and whereby our Blood and Flesh are by a change nourish'd, is the Flesh and Blood of the Incarnate Jesus; For the Apostles in the Commentaries written by them, called *the Gospels*, have recorded, that Jesus so commanded them.

D. T. answered, That those words prov'd the Bread to remain Bread, because it nourish'd the Body, and was call'd Bread after Consecration: and that they did not at all establish the *Roman Article of Transubstantiation*. Mr. P. answered, He brought it for the proof of the Real Presence. D. T. reply'd, A *Lutheran* held that, yet would not be of their Communion. He then asked D. T. what his opinion was of the Real Presence? He answered, He would defend the true Sense of his Church, even in those mistaken words in the *Catechism*, ‘The Body and Blood of Christ are verily and indeed taken and received by the Faithful in the Lord's Supper. [One in the Crowd said, not very loud, Hold him to that.]

I think here was further talk about the Roman Corporeal Presence. And Mr. D. A.C. ask'd Mr. P. what kind of Philosophy that was which maintain'd that Accidents subsisted without substances : He said, 'twas true Philosophy. D. T. ask'd whether it was true Philosophy to say, there was whiteness without a white thing, and breaking without a thing broken, and the body of a Man without the dimensions and figure of such a body. It was answer'd, God could do this. It was reply'd, there was no need, no promise, supposing God could do it. Mr. D. A. C. said then or afterwards in the next Room, that God could not do what was a contradiction, it being an imperfection. Mr. P. continued the discourse and said we accused them of Idolatry, whereas they worshipped not the Bread, but Christ under it. To which D. T. answered, that he also ador'd Christ when he took the Sacrament, but not that substance which they said was under the shew of Bread : and that if it proved to be Bread, it was a Creature, and the worship of it would be the worship of a Creature ; adding that *Costerus* the *Jesuit* owned, if it should prove to be Bread, the worship of it would be worse Idolatry than that of the *Laplanders* who worshipped a red Cloth. Mr. P. reply'd, Mr. *Stillingfleet* had cited that place. D. T. rejoyn'd that it was rightly cited, for he had read it in *Costers*. Mr. P. was silent.

Mr. P. here asserted that the Bread was *annihilated*; and being shown by D. T. that his Opinion was contrary both to truth and his own Church; he sav'd it by saying, 'twas *annihilated* so far as it was Bread.

About this time (as I think) Mr. *Meredith* remov'd and went to a Widow, and Mr. *D. A.C.* had there some discourse with him.

And there was other occasional talk with a Roman by *M. S.* about the Cup in the Sacrament, the Roman saying, 'twas taken away for fear of being spilt.

About this time also (as I think) Mr. *P.* was desir'd to stick to something, & particularly to the place of Scripture long ago cited by him ; *If he will not hear the Church* — and he was asked by *D. T.* where the place was ? He could not tell. At which some of the people upbraiding Mr. *P.* Mr. *M.* asked *D. T.* if he could tell Chapter and Verse throughout the Bible. *D. T.* answered he would by no means pretend to it : But if he cited a place as a proof of a Fundamental point, he would first know where it was, that by the Antecedents and Consequents he might be the better assured of the sense of it.

After which *D. T.* turned to the place in *S. Matthew* the 18th. and read it out of the English Bible, and ask'd if the Translation were faulty ? Mr. *P.* would not say it was. Then *D. T.* explain'd the sense of the place as meant of Trespasses and not Articles of Faith, and said to a very honest Gentleman whom he espy'd not far from him, 'tis as if it shd be said to you by one to whom you owe any thing (though pardon me, the Obligation is on the other side) Sir I come privately to you, pray be just to me. You say you will not. Then he comes with a Friend and says, Pray do me right, and the matter shall go no farther ; you say, you will not. Then he puts you into the Ecclesiastical Court (supposing it proper for their cognisance :) you will not stand to their sentence. Then you are Excommunicated, and treated as such a One. What a consequence.

sequence from hence is this, Therefore the Roman Church is to be heard as an infallible Guide in matters of Faith? Mr. M. said (being returned from the other part of the Room) when there is a controversie about the meaning of a place of Scripture, who shoud be judge? D. T. answered there was no need here, the case was plain; especially if this Text was further compar'd with one in *Deuteronomy*, (4) and that if the Roman Church should make an Interpretation, the sense of the words of that Interpretation would as much need a Key, as the easie Text it self. D. T. added that Christ's Church was not then throughly formed, and that the Rule had some respect to the extraordinary state of those times in which it was not so proper to go to the ordinary Courts, the Judges being unbelievers. A Romanist not so well known by D. T. offered something in confutation of this; but D. T. told him that if he would bring an Authentick interpretation out of some of his Church Books, he would hear it. But if not (and at that he did not offer) then he, as a Romanist, would say nothing to the purpose, but argue, as he says the Protestants do, out of their own head.

At last Mr. P. and D. T. came to the Quotations again; and then it was resolved that D. T. should write of this matter and of S. *Ambrose*, S. *Cyril*, and *Justine Martyr*, &c. to M. P. and receive his Answer, and reply as often as there was just occasion given.

After this D. T. said to Mr. P. there was one thing remaining and fit to be said to him: he had in a printed Paper, promised not to tamper about Religion with the Protestant Boys who shoud come to the *Savoy-School*; it had appeared that he tampered with Boys out of his care, and would do so much more

(4) Deut. 17.
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more with those under it : He said, it did not follow, because of his word which he would not break, and that for this Boy he had done it in order to his everlasting Salvation. D. T. answered, that being your Principle, that all out of your Communion are damned, you being a Jesuite and a Papist, must break your word in that Paper for the necessary good (as you think) of the Souls of the Boys, especially you having hope of turning Boys under your Care. Mr. M. said to D. T. This reflects upon the King. Another more aloud, this reflects upon the King, and suggests that he will break his word : and Mr. P. joyned in the Accusation ; but many of the Hearers cryed out against them, and said, it was a knavish trick. Mr. M. was going away, D. T. called to him and desired him not to ran away with a false Tale. Mr. M. denied he said such words. D. T. told him he did, and that for his part he thought his Loyalty at this time to be more valuable than Mr. M's. because he as a Son of the Church of *England*, professed he would not rebel against the King, notwithstanding he might be of another Religion ; whereas Mr. M. being of the same Religion, could not so well separate Loyalty from Interest. D. T. being concerned at this false and unworthy way of catching men, did say to Mr. M. at the Door of the first Room, that if he had persisted in this Trick, he could not have forborn to have given him the name of Evidence *Meredith*.

Then D. T. desired Mr. P. and Mr. M. to go from the throng into the back Room, and to talk a little where there was less heat and noise. But Company follow'd thither too, and there some things were repeated, and some new things started about a Judge in Controversie ; about the Head of the Church ; about *Bengarius* :

engarins: but nothing was pursued. Mr. M. took leave, and just at the Door muttered something about *Penal Laws*. Mr. P. was following, and D. T. said to him, that it was always his way to pity the people of differing Assemblies, but that for such as his Order, who had taught excluding and deposing Doctrines, and brought in a foreign Jurisdiction, it seemed fit to keep up some Laws against them.

Mr. P. deny'd that his Order taught any such Doctrines. Mr. D. A. C. asked him what he thought of *Suarez* and *Mariana*. M. P. asserted, that the Pope had had a right of Jurisdiction here a thousand years, and that D. T. ought not, therefore, to call it foreign. D. T. said those were dangerous words: soon after this, Mr. P. took leave, it being now late in the Evening. D. T. staid a while; and there was brought up to him out of the Shop, the aforesaid Question of Mr. *Meredith* left with the Boy, and written in the same hand with the few words which Mr. *Meriton* had begun to write upon the back of D. T.'s Paper. It was said to the Boy, that he should have an Answer to that Paper, if he came in the Morning to D. T. 'Twas not thought fit by Mr. V. and his Wife that the Boy should come, lest, having been found to be so great and malicious a Lyar, he should invent and spread some new Tale or other. But Mrs. V. came her self, and carried back a little Book, in which an Answer to that Question was contain'd.

During the Conference, the Son of Mr. J. a Roman, came to a Constable, and desir'd him to go to Mr. V.'s where the Father Mr. P. was in danger of being kill'd. The Constable, saw how little need there was for the Exercise of his Authority.

Next Morning came to Mr. U's. the *Roman*, who said if he was not in Orders, he hoped to be so; his pretended Errand was good Counsel to the Boy, in Relation to his Master and Mistress, who had complain'd that, since he had been in this new way, he had troubled the House, mis-spent his time, and become an intollerable Lyar, and he pointed the Boy to a place or two of Scripture about Obedience; but by and by the great design of his coming appeared: for he ask'd the Boy if he was now *satisfied in his Religion*. Both they and the Protestants knew that he was gone before, and they had been told how much worse he was in his Morals, since he had been tamper'd with; and the Boy had owned to D. T. in his Closet, that he had been often at Mass. And D. H. before this Conference, had concluded him gone over, and the Boy was already taught how to fence in this matter, as may appear by his Letter to his Father, *September 20th.* upon his hearing the Contents of the Letter, his Father had sent to Mrs. U. on *September 17th*, she having given notice of the strange Alteration made in his Son.

There came also a Woman to Mr. U's. to be satisfied in these Questions: whether there had not been a Conference there? Whether there had not been five Ministers of the Church of *England* there against one Jesuite, who put them all to silence? whether Mr. U. and Mrs. U. were not stagger'd in their Religion upon this Conference? Whether a Gentlewoman of the Church of *England* was not after the Conference fallen distract'd? And when she heard that there was but one Minister there, and no putting of him to silence, and no distraction, and further Confirmation of

Mr. U. and Mrs. U. declared by themselves, and the rather upon their taking notice of certain Arts of Lying, not so much before observed by them ; she own'd that the aforesaid Stories were us'd by a *Roman*, as Arguments to turn her..

I believe there might be false Stories to the prejudice of Mr. P. and his Friends ; but to the end that false Reports may not on either hand prevail, this Account is written by D. T. which Mr. P. wherefoever he thinks it is faulty, may please to correct.

Tho. Tenison.

A Pursuit of that which was said in the Conference about the three first Quotations, *viz.* out of S. Ambrose de *Sacramentis*, S. Cyril of *Hierusalem* in his Catechism, and Justin Martyr in his *Apology*, &c.

1. **F**OR the Book *de Sacramentis*, as not genuine, it may suffice at present to say, That though there was a Book written by S. Ambrose under that Title, this is not it, there not being found in this the Places which S. Austin cited out of that. That the style is plainly more modern and rude than that of S. Ambrose and his Age : That the version of the places of Scripture mention'd in this Book, is not the same with that which S. Ambrose uses in his genuine Works. That this Book is taken notice of by the Writers of the 8th. and 9th. Age, the time of the introducing of the Corporeal Presence. The very eminent Cardinal Bona (a) whose credit is greater than that of Alexander Natalis, do's own all this, the last words excepted.

Hac Ambrosius, si tamen ipse horum librorum, qui de Sacramentis inscribuntur, Auctor est. Testatur quidem Augustinus, scripsisse Ambrosium libros de Sacramentis, sive de Philosophia aduersus Platonem, quorum meminit, lib. 2. Retract. cap. 4. & doctrina Christiana lib. 2. cap. 28. eosque petiit sibi mitti à S. Paulino Ep. 34. sed illi vel perierunt, vel alicubi latent; longè diversi sunt ab his qui nuna extant, ut patet ex sententiis, quas ex illis citat idem Augst. lib. 2. primi operis aduersus Julianum cap. 5. & tribus sequentibus. De his vero, quos hodie habemus, fecit primo, ut dubitarem, stytis diversis; cum enim opera Ambrosiani aliquot annos haud perficiuntur percurserem, cum ad hoc perveni, usus sum mibi alterius lingua hominem ab Ambroso prorsus diversum loquendem audire. Nam animadverti loca scripture in his citata, non esse ejus versionis, quam in aliis libris Ambrosius uti consuevit. Quædam etiam in his reperi, quæ seculo Ambrosii minus convenire visa sunt. Nihilominus à Scriptoribus octavi & noni seculi laudantur sapienter tanquam Ambrosie legitimus fatus, quorum auctoritati cedens, eos dinceps sub ejus nomine, cuius est possessio, semper citabo.

It is true he says at the end of his Discourse, that, (notwithstanding his Reasons before alledged) he yields to the Authority of the Writers of the 8th and 9th Age; and that, seeing they are in possession, he will henceforth cite this Book under the name of S. Ambrose. But considering the Time and the Doctrine then preparing for the papal stamp, who wants the sagacity of understanding to what purpose this Book was forg'd, and then brought forth as out of its antient mouldiness? And for the humility of the Cardinal's deference to such late Authority against his solid reasons and judgment, all know what that means in

in the Protestant Communion, where Writers after knowing that they have said things against the genies of that Church, do in the end submit all at her feet. So did *Des-Cartes*, whose principles are utterly inconsistent with Transubstantiation. So did *Molinos* the Father of the numberless off-spring of the present *Quietists*. For this is the Conclusion of his first amply licensed, and then rigidly condemned *Guida spirituale* (a) *Il tutto sottopongo, humiliamente prostrato, alla Correttione della Santa Chiesa Catolica Romana*

After all this I do allow that Mr. P. was the less to be blamed in this Quotation, considered as a Romanist, because he cited it out of his *Breviary*, and believed as his Church believed.

Of this spurious S. *Ambrose*, and of the doctrine of the Eucharist in the true S. *Ambrose*, I will say more, when more is required.

I will add only, at this time, these two things.

First, The Author cited out of the Breviary, suppose them S. *Ambrose*, is inconsistent with himself, if Transubstantiation be an Article of his Faith. For he saith in another place (b) *non iste panis est qui vadit in Corpus, sed ille panis vita eterna, qui anime nostrae Substantiam fultit*. ‘That is, it is not that ‘Bread which goes into the Body, but the Bread of Life eternal, which sustains the substance of the Soul.

Now what a Judge has Mr. P. chosen toward the deciding of a Controversie, in which he is not reconciled to himself?

Secondly, This Author in all probability has been further tamper'd with; for he would scarce have said that in the *Breviary*, seeing he own'd the Canon of the Mass

(a) *Guida Spir. per Il dott Mich. di Molinos sacerdote p. 318. Quarta impressione in Roma, 1681.*

(b) *De Sacra L. 5. c. 4. p. 447.*

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in his time to run otherwise than now it does in the Roman Missal, and to assert that the Elements were (b) the Figure of Christ's Body.

(b) *De Sa-*

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de que sunt verba — Dicit sacerdos, sic nobis, inquit, hanc oblationem a scriptam, &c. Quod est quia corporis & sanguinis D. N. J. Christi.

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51, 52.

Secondly, For the Testimony of S. Cyril, it was not that cited thus in the *Speculum. S. Cyril. Alexandrinus*, &c. For Mr. P. spake of S. Cyril of Jerusalem: and tho' he did not produce the words, yet he said they were those in his fourth *Mystagogical Catechism*. I say now as I then did, That the place was long ago fully answered (c). The place of S. Cyril is by a Romanist, M. W. thus rendered: 'Tho' you see it to be Bread, yet believe it is the Flesh and the Blood of the Lord Jesus. Doubt it not, since he had said, This is my Body. And for a proof instances Christ's changing Water into Wine.

(d) Cyril.
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(d) The Answer is this, and it is a true one; 'We acknowledge [that the words of S. Cyril of Jerusalem] were truly cited: but for clearing of them we shall neither alledge any thing to lessen the Authority of that Father, tho' we find but a slender Character given of him by Epiphanius and others. Nor shall we say any thing to lessen the Authority of these Catechisms, tho' much might be said. But it is plain, S. Cyril's design in these Catechisms was only to possess his Neophytes with a just and deep sense of these holy Symbols. But even in his fourth Catechism he bids them, *not to consider it as meer Bread and Wine, for it is the Body and Blood of Christ.* By which it appears he thought it was Bread still, tho' not meer Bread.

' And

' And he gives elsewhere a very formal account in
 ' what sense he thought it Christ's Body and Blood,
 ' which he also insinuates in his Fourth Catechism:
 ' for in his first Mystical Catechism, when he exhorts
 ' his young Christians to avoid all that belonged to
 ' the Heathenish Idolatry, he tells, *That on the Solem-*
nities of their Idols, they had Flesh and Bread, which
by the Invocation of the Devils were defil'd, as the
Bread and Wine of the Eucharist, before the Holy In-
vocation of the blessed Trinity, was bare Bread and
Wine: but the Invocation being made, the Bread be-
comes the Body of Christ. In like manner (says he)
those Victuals of the Pomp of Satan, which of their
own nature are common or bare Victuals, by the Invoca-
tion of the Devils become prophanes.

' From this illustration, which he borrowed from
 ' Justin Martyr his second Apology, it appears that he
 ' thought the Consecration of the Eucharist was of a
 ' like sort or manner with the prophanation of the
 ' Idolatrous Feasts; so that as the substance of the
 ' one remained still unchanged, so also according to
 ' him must the substance of the other remain. Or if
 ' this will not suffice them, let us see to what else he
 ' compares this change of Elements by the Consecra-
 ' tion. In his Third *Mystag. Catech.* treating of
 ' the consecrated Oil, he says, *As the Bread of the Eu-*
charist, after the Invocation of the Holy Ghost, is no
more common Bread, but the Body of Christ; so this
Holy Oyntment is no more bare Oyntment, nor, as some
say, common, but it is a gift of Christ, and the presence
of the Holy Ghost, and becomes energetical of his Di-
vinity. And from these places let it be gathered what
 ' can be drawn from S. Cyril's Testimony. And thus
 ' we have performed likewise what we promised, and
 ' have

have given a clear account of St. Cyril's meaning from himself, from whose own words, and from these things which he compares with the Sanctification of the Elements in the *Eucharist*, it appears he could not think of Transubstantiation; otherwise he had neither compared it with the Idol-Feasts, nor the consecrated Oyl, in neither of which there can be supposed any Transubstantiation.

I will at present add only three or four Notes about this place of St. Cyril.

S. Cy. p. 237. C. First, that the Romish Translator *Grodecius* (a) has (as should seem) to help this matter in his way, render'd the words, εν τοις φρασταις εν τοις επιτηδειοις, by, *sub specie panis, & sub specie vini*, under the shew of Bread, and under the shew of Wine, instead of *in the Type (or Figure) of Bread, and in the Type (or Figure) of Wine*.

Secondly, that just before the words cited in favour of Transubstantiation, he uses these. 'But in the new [not Law, as the Translator has it, but] Covenant, the heavenly Bread, and the Cup of Salvation sanctifie Soul and Body; as the Bread agrees to the Body, so the Word to the Soul. It should hence seem that the Body of Christ meant by St. Cyril, was the *Word*, and that both Bread and the *Word*, were received by the Communicant.'

Thirdly, that St. Cyril's *Third Catechise of the Unbaptiz'd, or baptiz'd*, opens the Sense of the *Fourth Mystagogical Catechise*; for there he speaks, in a very high strain, of *Consecrated Water*, and advises the Persons to be baptiz'd (a) to come not as to common Water, but as to the spiritual Grace given together with the Water.

Fourthly, It is much to be doubted whether this be the Book of St. Cyril of Jerusalem; for, besides that Geſner ſaies, he ſaw that Book in the *Ausburg Library*, under the Name of *John of Jerusalem*: the Author forbids his Hearers to be *Frequenterſ of Spectacles in Theaters, or of Horse-races in Hippodromes*; for this there was no occasion at *Jerusalem* ſince it had become Christian; there being, especially in his time, no ſuch Sports and Places there that I have ever read of.

So, in three Quotations, the two firſt are taken out of ſuspected Authors; yet I will allow the Catechisms to be ancient, and to be ascrib'd to St. Cyril by *Sophronius* and St. *Hierom*; yet they note that he compos'd them in his youth (a).

3. Touching the Quotation out of *Justin Martyr*, it was this in *Engliſh*, and read out of the abovesaid Sheets called *Speculum Eccleſiaſticum*, by Mr. P.

(a) *Sophron.*
—ας εν την υν-
ιτησιωνε-
ρ. D. Hieron.
l. de. Ser. Ec-
cles. Quas in
Adolescentia
composit.

S. *Justin.* &c. (b) I suppose, in Charity, that *Antonio for Antonio* is the mistake of the Printer; but 'tis a mistake of ſome body else, when αλλ' ον τρόπον Ιδε λόγος Θεος ουρκοποιθεις Ινος Χριſτος, is translated, *As the Word of God, Jesus Christ our Re-deemer being made man, &c.* instead of *by the Word of God [or the Divine Spirit] Jesus Christ being made flesh, &c.* (b). But to paſs to ſomething more mate-rial.

(b) *Just. Mart.*
Apol. 2. p. 97,

I observe, firſt, That the foregoing words of *Justin*, which are very conſiderable, are omitted, viz. That [at the end of the Eucharist] the Ministers diſtribute to every one preſent, that he may partake of the conſecrated Bread, and Wine, and Water, &c. *Justin* calls it Bread after Conſecration, as St. *Paul* did before him.

I observe, *secondly*, that *Justin* interprets himself, whilst he saies, *It is not Common-Bread*; as if he had said, It is Bread in its Nature, but being consecrated, and made the Figure and Pledge of Christ's Body, it deserves a higher Name; and indeed this is a Key to the Expressions of most of the Fathers, and particularly to St. *Cyril*, as has been already shwon; and it is plain to those who read the Fathers with Attention, that they use such Language in relation to the Water in Baptism, as they do in reference to the Bread and Wine in the Eucharist, without teaching a Substantial change; so *Greg. Nyssen*, *despise not the Divine Washing, nor make light of it as Common* (c).

(c) Gr. Nyss.
de S. Ch. B.

I note, *thirdly*, that *Justin* affirms of the consecrated Bread and Wine, that they *nourish the Body*; and that therefore he is no Teacher of Transubstantiation, which removes the Substances which nourish the Body.

And now, how far is it from the true Art of Thinking, and the sincere love of Truth, to draw a Proof for a pretended Article of Faith, from the high and hyperbolical Phrases of the Ancients? by the same reason, if the World should last 14, or 1500 years, men might conclude that the Church of *England* taught the Doctrine of the *Corporal Presence* as well as the Church of *Rome*, she having used these words in the Office of the Communion at the Consecration of the Elements; " — Grant that " we, receiving these thy Creatures of Bread and Wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's Holy Institution in remembrance of his Death and Passion, may be Partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. —

An Account of Doctor Tenison's and Doctor Claget's going to the Savoy to Mr. Pulton.

Upon October the 3d. 87. Dr. *Tenison* and Dr. *Claget* went to the *Savoy* about Five at Night: After having found Mr. *Pulton*, the *Jesuit*, in his Lodgings there, Dr. *Tenison* desired him to call to them any one of his Friends, that he might hear the Discourse which he was about to offer. After being twice or thrice pressed to it by Dr. *Tenison*, he call'd one in the Habit of a *Jesuit*, a Grave and Civil Person; his Name was not asked. Then Dr. *Tenison* apply'd himself to Mr. *Pulton* on this manner; Sir, I was inform'd that on Sunday last in the Afternoon, after you had finished your Exposition on some Point in the *Catechism*, you spake to the Company in the Chappel to this Effect. "I believe you have heard of a late Conference, in which I was concern'd. It is not the way of Catholicks to make a great noise of such Matters; but if the Protestants make a stir about it, then next Sunday, in this place, I will give you an Account of that which pass'd in that Conference. Mr. *Pulton* and the other *Jesuit* own'd that he had said this, and that he was not Misrepresented; upon which Dr. *Tenison* told him that he had opened the Scene, and that if he himself had done so at St. *Martins*, it was his Opinion he should not have observ'd the Rules of Peace and Decency. Mr. *Pulton* answer'd, He had neither named Dr. *Tenison* in his Chappel, nor elsewhere spoken ill of him; and that he was moved to this by the Dirt that was cast upon him by Papers and Words in Coffee-houses, Dr.

Tenison assured him, That he was not the Author of such Papers or Words, and that he himself had had his share of Slanderous Words from some of his Party; and he gave him a remarkable Instance of that Nature, which is in Dr. *Tenison's* Account above Repeated. After which Dr. *Tenison* said, that he came to make a double Proposal to him; either to give one another Liberty to use such Discourse, and to Publish such Papers in all Companies and Places, as should seem meet to each of them; or else to proceed as was agreed upon at the end of the Conference. That is to say, First, That Dr. *Tenison* should send in Writing to Mr. *Pulton*, what he judged fit of that which had passed, and of that which he had undertaken in a Paper which he sign'd relating to Mr. *Pulton's* First Quotation out of St. *Ambrose*; as also of that which he said in Reference to Mr. *Pulton's* Second Quotation out of the Catechism of St. *Cyril of Jerusalem*, and his Third, Read by the same Mr. *Pulton* out of a Printed Paper, and cited as *Justin Martyr's*.

Then, that Mr. Pulton should send to Dr. Tenison his Answer in Writing: After which they might proceed to more Quotations, and further Replies.

Here Mr. *Pulton* stuck a while, and show'd a little Heat, which his Friend soon temper'd. Mr. *Pulton* would have confined Dr. *Tenison* to that which he call'd his Main Point; and complain'd further, that Dr. *Tenison* would not hear out all his Quotations, though there was not time for all, there being others in a Paper Book, besides that in his Breviary, and those in his Printed Sheets; and to allude to them as call'd, the *Soldiers Paper*, to hear all read over before

fore the answering of One, seemed to Dr. *Tenison* as absurd as not to permit a Soldier to answer to his Name till all the Muster-Roll is call'd over. Further, Dr. *Tenison* was for setting forth the Matter at length, and desir'd not to be confin'd to Mr. *Pulton's* new Method, leaving him to the liberty of making such Objections as he judged fit in the Case.

Mr. *Pulton's* Friend perswaded him to go on thus, and at last Mr. *Pulton* yielded to it.

Here Dr. *Claget* interpos'd, and said, That Dr. *Tenison* had taken a good Course to prevent false Reports, by coming to him to adjust the Method betwixt themselves, and that it had been better if Mr. *Pulton* had done the like before he had spoken of the Matter in his Chappel in the *Savoy*; and that Dr. *Tenison* had, by his Proposition, shew'd that his Intentions were fair. Then some Discourse was had about St. *Ambroſe de Sacramentis*, another Place in the true St. *Ambroſe*, and *Alexander Natalis's* Arguments about the former Book. Dr. *Claget* said, That his Arguments had need be good, for he knew that Writer too well to take any thing upon his meer Authority. Then Dr. *Claget* being to go into the Country was desirous to take leave; but before that was done, Dr. *Tenison* intreated Mr. *Pulton* to give him such Printed Sheets as he had used at the Conference. Mr. *Pulton* said he knew not where they were, and went into his Study to look for them, but came again and said, he could not find them. Then Dr. *Tenison* ask'd him what Title they had; he said, he had forgot. It seem'd strange that he shou'd forget the Title of a Writing out of which he had Disputed, though 'tis plain he was not perfectly Vers'd in it, for there he might have found Pope *Innocent the Third*, about whom he was at a loss. The Truth is, the Title

Title was such, that it was not worth the rememb'ring, though it was so Remarkable, that a Man could scarce forget it : viz. *Speculum Ecclesiasticum*; rendred an Ecclesiastical Prospective-glass, instead of *Looking glass*: But as Phantaſtical as it was, and as falſly render'd, they found it Pasted up in the Entrance to the Savoy Chappel, and there left it : Mr. *Pulton* being with them, and having told them that the Woman that sold those Sheets, (who was then out of the way) or else *N. T.* would furnish them with this Piece.

So they took leave Civilly one of another, after Mr. *Pulton* had Courteously invited, Dr. *Claget* and Dr. *Tenison* to taste of their Beer, and they, being in haste, had with Thanks excused themselves.

This is a Faithful Relation of what passed at the Savoy whilſt I was there with Dr. Tenison, Mr. Pulton and another Jesuit, Octob. 3d.

William Claget.

Dr. *Tenison* afterwards looking into these Sheets, was amaz'd that Mr. *Pulton* should be ſo earnest to read further Quotations from them; for there he found a great many Books plainly spurious, (besides that *De Sacramentis* under St. Ambroſe's Name) cited as genuine; of this Number are these: The Third Epistle of St. *Anacletus*, Canon 39. Arab. of the First Council of Nice, St. *Cyril of Hierusalem*, l. 3. in *Apol. contra Ruffin.* c. 4. If there be ſuch a Book in the World ascrib'd to St. *Cyril* by any one before. I suppose he has Confounded St. *Cyril* with St. *Hierom*, in the Second Tome of whose

whose Works is such a Book as *Apologie adversus Rufinum libri tres.*

But enough of this *Magical-glass*, which shows us St. Cyril in another Man's Figure, and sets before our Eyes Pope Leo presiding in the Council of Chalcedon, and Pope Vigilius presiding in the Second Council of Constantinople, with other such Sights which the Learned World ne'er saw before.

On Octob. 9th. being the Lords Day, Mr. Pulton, in the Mass-house at the Savoy, spake thus to the People. "I know it is expected I should now speak of a late Conference I had; but the Dr. having since then been with me, to acquaint me he had not taken any Measures about speaking thereof in the Pulpit, desir'd therefore that I would not; to which I promis'd him; so, for your Information of what passed there, you are to expect it from Methods which may be concluded on.

This, how well soever intended, gave occasion to the People to spread it all about the City, that Dr. Tenison had been with Mr. Pulton to beg of him to say nothing of the Conference, as being afraid that the Truth should come out.

Mr.

Mr. Pulton's first Letter to D. T. thus superscrib'd.

*This for the very Reverend Doctour,
Doctour Tenison, Pastour of St.
Martins.*

The Savoy this 4th.
of Octob. 1687.

Very Reverend Doctour,

AS it was my desire in the beginning to say nothing but what should be write, so you having now accepted that Condition, I desire the same methode may be observed in our wrighting which was followed in our Conference and the Rule of Faith having been the Question principally debated, I humbly crave that may be first voided, lest we embroil things by embracing to much togeather, then we will pass, as you shall please, to collateral Questions. I have not shewed yet a Copy of the enclosed to any body out of our house, complying with the Condition put: you may take your leasure to answer it as your greater Occasions may allow. I have got it write out fair, by reason I wright my self so ill.

Reverend and Learned Doctour,

*Your most obliged, and
humble Servant to command,*

Andrew Pulton.

The Paper which was inclos'd in this Letter, the Reader will find afterwards with Notes upon it.

Doctor

*Doctor Tenison's Answer to Mr. Pulton's
first Letter. Octob. 5th. 87.*

Sir,

Last night I received your Letter and a Paper inclos'd in it ; and I pray you to excuse me, if I do not follow the methods there prescrib'd by you. You cannot forget the Agreement made at your Lodgings on *Munday* Night. I was to take my way in writing to you, and you were to form your Answer as you pleas'd. I shall stand to the Agreement. If I write that which is weak, refuse me ; if that which is rude, reprove me ; if that which is false, be as severe as you please with me ; I shall account it a kindness. I shall (with God's Permission) begin to write at large to morrow, having minutes by me already ; and on *Munday* next I hope to send you the first Copy of that which I shall write, if not on *Saturday*. And in the mean time no man shall have one line about this matter out of my hands : Neither have I hitherto written one word about it in any Note or Letter to any man living ; notwithstanding, I have been sufficiently importun'd. And tho' (I confess) I differ very widely from you in many things, yet you may expect nothing contrary to Truth and Humanity from,

Reverend Sir,

Your Servant in all

Christian Offices,

Tho. Tenison.

*Mr. Pulton's second Letter to Dr. T. delivered to T. T.
at one of the Clock, Septemb. 5th. 87.*

Very Reverend Doctor,

I Was something surpriz'd, that a Person of your credit in the World, should return me such an Answer to my so reasonable demand. I can't think you believe me so imprudent and weak, as when I admitted of your answering the Authority of St. Ambrose (on which I put very little stress) that I would let fall the mean Question: no, Honoured Sir, as you desire to be esteem'd a fair Adversary, so I expect you return a positive Answer to our principle difficulty, as well as a collaterall Controversy; I beg the favour therefore, that you return me an Answer this Evening, whether you accept this Condition? if not, I remain free to take such measures as I shall find necessary to thwart the injurious and scandalous Reports which run up and down the Town, much to my Prejudice, in expectation of which, I remain,

Reverend Sir,

Your most obliged Servant,

A. Pulton.

*Dr. Tenison's Answer to Mr. Pulton's second Letter,
Octob. 5th. 87. One of the Clock.*

Sir,

I Perceive by yours, which your Scholars brought just now to me, that you are under a Misapprehension, both as to my Temper and my Purpose in the matter before us. You seem to have a Suspicion of me, as a cunning

cunning man, and as one who, in what I promised to write, would take the advantage of insisting on one Quotation of yours, believed by me to be out of a spurious Author, and pass by the rest, and the principal things in debate, and particularly those in your Paper sent yesterday to me : No, Sir, you may assure your self, that I am too blunt a man to be a man of Artifice, and that I will (if God gives me Health) consider the whole, and not neglect your Paper, tho' I will not be precisely tied to it, for that was none of our Agreement : What the Agreement was, is well known to your Friend and mine, who were present all the time we discoursed of that matter in the *Savoy*. No more now, (being in business of another nature) but that I am,

Reverend Sir,

Your Friend to serve you in all the

Offices of the common Christianity,

Tho. Tenison.

I cannot procure your *Speculum Ecclesiasticum*. I sent my Man this Morning to her, who (you said) sold them; and she said, She had not one.

Mr. Pulton's third Letter, Octob. 8.87.

Very Reverend Sir,

YOur last was in terms so ambiguous, that I can't sufficiently gather the intentions from it, *you won't neglect my Paper*, not yet will you do what most reasonably

ably is required thereby. We having agreed therefore to wright, I thought my self bound first to disabuse the World in reference to the matters of Fact of S. Michael's-day, then return me a fair Answer to the difficultie therein propos'd, but not solved: to which I won't fail speedily to answer as becomes the Zeal I have for the Truth. The impudent Lyes of 5. 10. and 15. Jesuits being silenc'd, running up and down the Town and Kingdom of which we are all-ready informed from the West and North with the daily false accounts given out by the Brasier (which I can prove against him, and which you ought not to have allow'd of, but hindred) has oblieged me to hasten this short Account of that Transaction, which shall not lye under the scandalous acceptance it has hitherto had, if you would have any thing else added to it, within a few days I shall have leisure to give a more full, but allways ingenuous Account. This is at present wherein I am obliged to show how I am,

Honoured Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. Pulton.

I have tak'd with Mr. U. and he professeth that he hath bin rather sparing then profuse in his Discours about the Conference; and that it cannot be prov'd against him, that he spread any one fals Tale, unless by such a Witness as his lying Apprentice. J. S. T. T.

Dr.

Dr. Tenison's Third Letter to Mr. Pulton.

To the Reverend Mr. Pulton
at his Lodgings in the
Savoy.

Octob. 10. 87.

SIR,

ON Friday I had finished my Account of the Conference, and my further Animadversions on your Quotations out of the Fathers. And I did not write the first at large, till after I had called to me four Credible Persons, who happen'd to be hearers, and had read my Minutes to them, and was satisfy'd by them that my Memory had not fail'd me. In some few things they refresh'd it, and nothing was set down which was not believed to be such as Partiality had not corrupted. Some stragling Words were not gathered up, as that about *false Coin* remembered in your Narrative, and the Accidental talk about the *Quietists*, concerning whom Mr. Meredith said they were extinct.

If I have touch'd upon any Infirmitiy of yours, I presume it will be the more easily Pardon'd, seeing I do not spare my self. I thought it would give the greater satisfaction to tell the whole Truth, having observed, as others do, that in such Cases, ordinary things give Light to those which are more Material. If our Motions shall seem to the World somewhat too irregular for Divines, I hope it will be consider'd that we met with Noise and Interruption. My Amanuensis having promised me to Transcribe the whole before Eight this Morning, I did purpose to send it to you; but on Saturday in the Evening,

Evening, I received from you a Letter, and with it your Account of the Conference ; and being desirous to send you some Notes upon your Narrative, and having had no free Minute from that time to this for such an Affair, and being willing to lay before you all at once, I think I must delay my further sending till *Wednesday* or *Thursday*. And then (by God's leave) there shall, be conveighed to you a just Representation of the whole that relates to this Controversie betwixt us. And tho' you have not kept to our Agreement, yet I shall certainly do so. You were to expect my Account and then to send your Answer, and not first to write a Narrative, and then to precipitate (as I hear you have done) the Publishing of it. I will keep to my Agreement made before Witnesses ; and no Man has had, or shall have, either from me or my Amanuensis, a Note or Letter about this Affair, or so much as a Line of the Account, till a Copy has been lodg'd in your own Hands. You have given me an Advantage, not coveted by me, through the many Motions you have made since we were (as I thought) fixed, by consent ; and in this, tho' not in many other things, I may apply to my self, that which was said by the Bishop of *Ross*; (a subtle and observing Man) concerning Sir *Nicholas Bacon* ; viz. "That he could not come within him, because he offer'd " no Play. What you say in your Defence, of false Reports, and of the Ambiguous Words in my Letter, is not enough to excuse the Alteration of our Agreement. My Letter is in your Hands ; and in it you were plainly told that I would keep to my Word, of which it was no part that I should, in what I was to write, follow your scanty and constrained Rules. Truth is best painted at full length, and with the freest

freest Air; for false Reports, if they would set a Man at Liberty from his Promise, then it would be also Lawful for me to Sacrifice Truth to Fame. For your People have been very liberal in their Talk; and they who have spread the Story of my going to the Savoy to ask your Pardon, and of Five Ministers silenc'd by one Jesuit (the Deans of Peterborough and Windsor, Dr. Horneck, Mr. Wake, and my self; though none of them were there, my self excepted) with other such Groundless Calumnies, had certainly no design of raising our Reputations. But why should we be so eager about that, which on either Hand is said of us? One Week of Patience would have serv'd your purpose better, and a little time would have settled and clear'd Reports. But you have broken loose, and you may go your own way. I, for my part, as far as Truth will lead me, will attend your Motions in the Quality of,

Sir,

Your Servant.

Tho. Tenison.

Mr.

The Savoy 11th. of
Octob. 1687.

Honoured Sir,

YOU were pleased in yours of yesterday, to Expostu-
late at large with me concerning the Agreement
made between us which you judge me to have in-
fring'd. I humbly beg the favour to know in what :
for I am Conscious to my self of nothing in that kind,
nor by the Grace of God ever will be. All the Agree-
ment we made, when you did me the Honour of com-
ing to our Lodgings in the *Savoy* ; was First, That I
should not give an Account of our Conference from
the Pulpit, you not having taken those Mesures, as
you said ; Secondly, you desir'd that you might an-
swer the Quotation of St. *Ambrose*, I said I was con-
tent, provided I might be allow'd to give in all the
Testimonies that I had to alledge to the same Matter.
You desired you might first Answer to St. *Ambrose*,
and that then I might go on to the rest of the Fathers,
to which I also assented, then you added I should
have the first Copy. Now there was not one Syllable
spoke relating to my wrighting, or not wrighting an
Account of the Matter of Fact past, nor had I broke
my Word, tho' I had not sent you the first Copy
(which notwithstanding I refused to let Dr. *Waker*
peruse before you had it) the wrighting agreed on
only being in reference to a further prosecuting the
Arguments before propos'd ; I will notwithstanding
take it in that Point, as you are pleas'd to do,
and I have hitherto done, and accordingly will
send

send you my entire Narrative by the Hands which shall bring yours if possible. I desire you to take the freedome, when you have it, to let me know before we print (for I suppose it will come to that) what you may except against in the whole, and I will do the same to you, and by this means Truth by degrees will come to Light. What you say Five Doctors to one Jesuit, I have never heard it from any but your self, (a) nor do I believe there is Three in the Kingdom that give Credit to it, tho' Thousands believe things more injurious to me : Had not your Party made our Conference a common Cause, and run down the Catholicks with hundreds of fals Reports ; I had never once opened my Mouth concerning the Conference, but you must know Justice and Conscience oblige me to it ; unless you may prescribe some more amicable way of disabusing the Kingdom, then by Publick Narratives, in attendance whereof I remain

(a) I will prove (if you please) that this was a common Sto-
ry, T. T.

Your obliged Servant

A. Pulton.

I am inform'd you desown you ever spoke to me to desire I woed not make a Pulpit Matter of it, may I beg the favour to know whither this be so or no ? or whither you have been pleas'd to give out you came to give a second challenge. If any say you came to ask Pardon, I declare they injure you.

Dr. Tenison's Answer to Mr. Pulton's Fourth Letter.

Octob 12th. 87.

Sir,

I Will not be tedious in answering yours of the 11th. Instant, in relation to our Agreement, for of that we have Witnesses. I am now assured that Copies of your Account were spread all over the City, whilst I have kept my Word of sending my first Copy to you, and have not sent abroad one single Line; but after your Receipt of this (seeing you have begun on this manner) I will let the World know the whole Truth, so far as my Memory with all due helps will serve me, and from Truth I would not willingly swerve a Tittle. For the Story of my going to the Savoy to ask your Pardon, it is made very common, though I do not charge you with it; and if you be curious about Places and Persons, I will name some of them to you. I never said I came to give you a second Challenge: Nor did I come to beg of you to forbear your talking of this Matter in your Pulpit, but to Expostulate with you about the unfitness of that way, and to understand whether you would keep to the Method you agreed on at the end of our (rambling Talk rather than) Conference; and to tell you, that in my Judgment, it was most becoming. The Jesuit, your Witness, did not differ from me in this Opinion, nor Doctor Claget who was mine. I did purpose (as I told you) to send something to you about your Account, but having perused it, I perceived you might by comparing it with mine, see what you omitted, what you

you mistook, and what (as to me it seems) you sometimes added; I will therefore save you the trouble of my Notes upon your Narrative, though, perhaps in due time I may help others (who may not carry my Account in their Heads) with such Animadversions. I believe in this as you do, that it may be fit to Print the whole, for the quieting of People, who are, as yet, in suspence; and seeing you put me in Mind of it, I resolve by that way to ease my self of the trouble of transcribing Copies. You have my Letters and I yours, and your Account, and with this I send you mine, together with a pursuit of my Discourse about your three first Quotations. Do with them what you please, and write what you please further, and I will take the like freedom. My Stationer, (which I did but just now know of) is at *Oxford*, so that I must elsewhere apply my self; but this I promise you, that as soon as I send any thing to the Press, I will give charge to the Printer, to convey to you, by way of due notice, the first Sheet that shall be wrought off: All things on my part shall be fair; and I am not your Enemy, unless (which God forbid) you will account me so for telling the Truth but can still, very heartily Subscribe my self,

S I R,

Your Friend as far as oblig'd

by the Gospel of our Blessed Saviour,

Tho. Tenison.

*Mr. Pulton's PAPER sent in his
first Letter, with Dr. Tenison's
Animadversions upon it.*

Mr. Pulton's Paper.

AS the concern I had, that the Truth might appear to a Soul that was in search of it, made me willing to enter on a Discourse of that Subject with you, so I humbly beg, that nothing but Charity, and a true Sense of Zeal may appear in what may happen to be writt by either of us, not to the Scandal, but to the Edification of all such as may peruse our Papers.

You having therefore been pleas'd in our late Conference to assign the Holy Scriptures for the Rule of Faith, I desired of you the Favour to know what assurance you had, that the Volumes you call Holy Scripture, are the undoubted Word of God; and this having been

the

the main Point of our four hours Discourse, I humbly crave a more clear and positive Answer than I could then obtain.

You were pleas'd to say, the Bible had been handed down to you from the Apostles. Then I desired the Favour to know who they were that had so handed it down to you : you replied, the Universal Church. Whereupon I demanded what you meant by the Universal Church. You answered, That you meant all those several Bodies who make up the number of Christians. Then I farther pressed to know whether all these made up one true Church, or no. You said there was something true in each of them, but would assign none void of great corruption. Upon which I replied, That the Volumes which wholly relied on corrupted Authority, could have no assurance of being the pure, true, and certain Word of God. And here we stuck near 2 hours, I never being able to obtain a satisfactory Answer.

I humbly therefore crave to be satisfied,
1. Whither receiving the Scripture from
the Universal Church, you have received a

Canon

Canon common to all distinct Bodies of Christians ? If not, that you farther explicate what you mean by taking the Scripture from the Universal Church.

2° How the Universal Church consisting in Members disagreeing in Faith can give you a true and certain Rule of Faith.

3° If, when you begann, you pretended Reformation, there was any Church in being, which had that precise Canon you have now, and explicated it as you do. If so, be pleas'd to assign where it was, and how you took your Scripture from it.

As for what related to Transubstantiation and Real Presence, it having been a Question thrown in by the by, I desire it may be remitted to the second place ; and having cleared the present difficultie where the stresse of the Discourse lay, we will then pass to particular Controversies, if you please.

Dr.

*Dr. Tenison's short Notes upon this
P A P E R.*

1. It calls the Boy a *Soul who was in search after Truth*, whilst, at the same time, Mr. P. was satisfy'd that the Boy had never acquainted his Father, his Master, his Minister, with his Doubts, till after he had been at Mass; and was by his Master and Mistress accused of having been guilty of unsufferable lying, and neglect of Business, and of the growth of both since he had had Conversation with a *Romish* Apprentice, and Mr. P. and others of that way. It is not a thing to be easily credited, that a Soul that is in sincere and diligent search after Truth of Doctrine, should at the same time become more sinful than formerly in the invention of Lyes, and more fowre in Nature, and more faithless in the duty of his Calling.

2. Mr. P calls the Rule of Faith, and the proving the Holy Bible to be that Rule, the main Point. Whereas it was, indeed, the Point he desir'd to begin with; but it was not that which the Boy had mention'd, but the inconsistence of *Luther* about the Sacraments, and his pretended Colloquie with the Devil, which therefore was in true order, to be begun with. But in this there is too much Art; for the People may be amused by talk about the Copies of the Bible, and the Tradition of them, and carried into the dark, and so be led the more easily by those, who

who with the greatest Confidence, call themselves Guides : seeing they are not themselves Masters of critical History ; but they are more capable of more particular Points (as Ex. gr. of the Communion in one kind, which the People can find to be contrary to the Bible) and therefore that which is tendereſt they are not ſo willing to touch in popular Conferences. It is enough, if they can get them to the Authority of their Church, and then the obedient Child swallows whatſoever the Mother gives it.

3. It is ſaid, no particular Answer was given : it will be found otherwise in the account of the Conference. But if a ſufficient Sum be tendered, and Mr. P. be out of humour to receive it, he ought not to complain, that he cannot have his Debt paid him. If Dr. T. had ſaid leſs, certainly it had not been out of unreadineſs to answer, ſeeing in that matter he was prepared, he having publish'd a Tract about the Rule of Faith, of which a ſecond Edition came forth but a while ago, and no Answer has been yet made to it, whether out of contempt of the imperfections of it; or for other Reasons, he cannot tell. And here, ſeeing Self-defence is not vanity, he takes occasion to make mention of another Tract ſcribbled by him againſt the Romiſh Author of the *Protestants Plea for a Socinian* ; at the latter end of

(a) Diff. be-
twixt Prot.
and Socin.
Meth. p. 57,
58, &c.
(b) Judge in
Contr.

(c) The Ca-
tholick Repre-
ſenter, 2 part.
ch. 9. p. 58.

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" If you have seen the *Answer to the Protestants Plea for a Socinian*, you'll find there (Pag. 26.) he points it out for the mark of a *Right Socinian*, to make *Reason* the Rule of the Scriptures. Such a one (says he) makes Reason the Rule of the Rule.

He goes no farther ; for that which follows shews the Author to have spoken of *their Reasonings*, not of *Reason it self*, which if any Man allows them in their own Doctrines, he, in effect, does yeild them the Cause. That which, there, follows is this. " Though he [the *Right Socinian*] thinks a Doctrine is plain in Scripture, yet if he believes it to be against *HIS REASON*, He assents not to it. And P. 27.—A Man of this Church [of *England*] suspects not *Reason it self*, but his own *present Art of Reasoning*, whenever it concludes against that which he reads, and reads without doubting of the Sense of the Words.

If the Reprefenter can come no nigher the Likeness, he may, if he please, lay down his Pencil.

D. T. owns that this is a Digreſſion, but he judged it better (ſeeing there was no more needed) to write a Paragraph in defence of himself againſt a publick unjust Caſiſt, than to trouble the World with a whole Book.

4. Whereas it is ſaid that by the *Universal Church* Dr. T. ſaid he meant the fevral Bodies who make up the Number of Christians, which Mr. P. afterwards calls *diſtinct Bodies*; Dr. T. did not uſe that Phrase. For his Words were remarkable enough, that he meant, by the Universal Church, what he called it every Lords Day before Sermon, the *Congregation of Christian People diſpersed throughout the World*. And he added that he took in the Testimony of *Jews*, and *Heathens*, and might believe Men ſincere when they ſpake againſt themſelves; and that he alſo took in the Roman

Church in the better Ages, and honest Men in it, who, in the corrupter Ages, gave Testimony against its Corruptions, as they arose. And he always inserted this Caution, that he took this Testimony from such Universal Consent, with Considerations of the Persons as agreeing Witnesses, and not from their Authority.

5. There is Craft in putting in the words, *distinct Bodies*; as if the Being of a Church could not be continued, and the Corruptions of it opposed and relinquish'd, without going forth to some other Body of Men, free from all such Corruptions. Mr. P. may please to answer Dr. T. in this Point about the Church of the Literal *Israel*, besides which there was then no other Church; and enlighten him by the Resolution of this Query, whether there may be a Reformation in a Church without leaving of it? The Learned Dr. Jackson said it long ago *, " That our Church

* Dr. Jackson's Works, Tom. 3. p. 16. p. 870. " was in the Romish Church before Luther's Time, " and yet in it, neither as a visible Church altogether " *distinct* from it, nor as any native Member of it. To his Arguments and Explications at present I refer Mr. P. tho there are others of other kinds of equal weight and clearness.

For the rest, the aforesaid Account of the Conference, will shew how far this Paper of Mr. Pulton's is true; and whether it contains a fair Proposal, when it offers in Exchange for the Contents of it, that which is really thinner Stuff, and much shorter Measure.

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The Account written by Mr. Pulton.

A True Account of a Conference had about Religion between Dr. T. and A. P. on the 29th of September, 1687, in Long-Acre, London.

Dr. T's Note.

MR. P. scattered Copies of *this Account*, and Dr. T. saw three of them on *Monday October the 10th*.

Dr. T. and Mr. P. spent their time very ill, if so lame an Account as this of a four-Hours Conference be a true one. How far it is from the whole Truth, has been already shewn in Dr. T's fuller and more impartial Relation. And it is so ill repeated that Mr. P. having by so doing made it his own, may take the whole to himself. For Dr. T's part he will not be his Stirrop to be let down and taken up at his Pleasure. That which is against him is omitted by him, and that which he thinks is for him, is added, tho never spoken.

Mr. Pulton's Account.

ON Monday there came a Youth to A. P. who desir'd to know, if he was willing to accept of a Conference with D. H. concerning Religion? He answer'd that he was; But on Tuesday it was told him Dr. T. would be the Person, he must meet at 3

Dr. Tenison's Notes upon it.

MR. P's Account begins unluckily, for he stumbles at the first setting out, he makes as if the Appointment which came from the *Romans*, proceeded from Dr. T. who, till it was made, knew nothing of it.

in the Afternoon on Thursday: Accordingly the Parties met on the said Thursday, being Michaelmas Day. A. P. came with one Witness (no Priest) Dr. T. alone: And when the Doctor excepted against the Gentleman, A. P. was willing he should retire, and pitch'd upon another who casually came in at the same time, tho not so much as known by name to A. P. If the Doctor would have no Witness present, then A. P. desir'd all might depart, except the young Man upon whose account they met (the Room being now full.) The Doctor not assenting to that, (a) A. P. press'd much, that whatsoever should be said on either side, might be writ down, but this not being accepted of, the Subject of the Conference was proposed by A. P. who desir'd the Doctor to give the young

Man

(a) A. P. press'd Writing, yet when Dr. T. began to do so, he declined it; But whereabouts would these Disputers be? a while ago they were all for verbal Conferences, when written ones were offered as more safe and useful: Dr. T. is Witness of this in a greater Case, and so is an excellent Bishop and a worthy Dean. Now when verbal Conferences are agreed to, Writing is press'd.

(b) A.

Man (*b*) a Rule of Faith which might keep him in the Church of *England*. After some Preambles the Doctor was pleas'd to assign the Holy Scriptures. To which *A. P.* reply'd, that there were (*c*) two things incumbent on the Doctor to prove; 1. That the Books which he called the Scripture, were truly such. 2. That when so prov'd, they were of themselves a sufficient Rule. But to the second Point nothing was said.

To the first the Doctor replied, that their Bible had been handed down from the Apostles. *A. P.* desired to know by what Hands? The Doctor answered, by the Testimony of (*d*) all the World, *Turks*, *Jews*, *Gentiles*, and

(*b*) *A Rule of Faith which might keep the Boy in the Church of England.* A new Art of shutting the Doors of St. *Martin's* Church for the keeping *in* of a Perlon, who was before gone out, and gone as far as *Rome*.

(*c*) *Two things — incumbent on the Doctor to prove;* 1. *That the Books which he called the Scriptures, were truly such.* 2. *That when so proved, they were of themselves a sufficient Rule.* But to the second point nothing was said. Good Reason, for it was never propounded, the only Question of that kind was, Whether our Bible was a Bible, and how we could prove it to be so? The *Sufficiency* and *Purity* of the *Scriptures* were Points never started. This Dr. *T.* is certain of from his own Memory, and from the Concurrence of more than an ordinary number of Witnesses, whom, upon this new Narrative, he consulted.

(*d*) *All the World, Turks, &c.* The *Turks* were never named.

and *Christians*. But A. P. urging to know from what immediate Hands the Church of *England* had received them, when she began to reform? The Doctor answered, From the Universal Church, and that he meant by Universal Church, all those

(e) different Bodies who make up the whole Number of *Christians*. Then A. P. demanded, Whether those different Bodies of *Christians* made one true Church, or no? Or, whether some one Part of them were so? The Doctor, tho' much press'd, would specify no Part, which he acknowledged free from Corruption. Upon that A. P. desired to know how the Doctor could make out, that his Bible was the pure and uncorrupt Word of God, if all those, from whose Testimony he took it, were corrupted, and consequently false Witnesses, and what Assurance

named on this occasion. It had been monstrously absurd if they had. And when some judicious People, present at the Conference, heard this Paragraph of Mr. P's Narrative, they were amazed at the Invention. But no Additions are to be wondered at, where Men will add to the Creed it self.

(e) *Different Bodies who make up the whole Number of Christians*. This Mistake of Mr. P's may be rectified, by what is said before in Dr. T's Account, and Notes on Mr. P's Paper.

(f) *The*

rance he had (*f*) the sense of Holy Scripture, being, as he said, depraved, the Letter remained pure?

(*f*) *The Sense of holy Scripture, being, as he said, depraved.* If he means Dr. T. 'tis a great Slander. It is true, he said it was happy for the World that the Copies of the Bible were so widely dispersed; for if they had been all in Roman Hands, they wou'd have been in Danger. Of this Dr. T. was reminded by some of the Hearers of the Conference, upon the Perusal of this Narrative.

Here (*g*) a pleasant School-Master diverted the Auditory with a Picture, as he said, of the Blessed Trinity, and offer'd it *A. P.* with wry Mouths and Antick Gestures. But *A. P.* saying, he saw no Reason, why God appearing to *Daniel* under the Figure of an old Man, might not be so painted, provided one meant not to delineate him *specie propriâ*: He return'd to the Doctor, and press'd his forementioned Argument; but the Schoolmaster continuing to give Diversion

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(*g*) *A pleasant Schoolmaster diverted the Auditory with a Picture.* The Schoolmaster is of Age, and he will answer for himself.

(*b*) St.

to the People, and throw
in impertinent Questions;
A. P. desired him to be
silent, saying, he came
not to dispute with a *Buſſoon*
but a Doctor, which
was ill taken. Dr. *T.* read
a Lesson of Charity up-
on that occasion, endea-
vouring to prove that
A. P. had violated the
Holy-day. And when
Mr. *M.* said in *A. P.*'s De-
fence that (*b*) *S. Paul* had
used as sharp Language in
a like occasion; The Do-
ctor replied that if *A. P.*
was *St. Paul*, he might
so do. When the Doctor
had done his (*i*) Haran-
gue, *A. P.* returned to
his Argument, and much
importun'd the Doctor to
make out how he was as-
sured his Bible was the
pure Word of God, and
not as full of Corruption
and Falshood, as he belie-
ved those to be, from
whom he received it.

Here the Doctor call'd
(*k*) Mr. *M.* from the
Window whither *A. P.*
had desired him to retire,
that

(*b*) *St. Paul* had us'd as
sharp Language in a like oc-
casion. This about *St. Paul*
Dr. *T.* does not remember, nor
do others who stood by Mr.
M. for he spake of *St. Jude*,
but perhaps it might be so.

(*i*) *Harangue.* Dr. *T.* knows
not what *Mr. P.* means by
this: For to repeat a Verse
out of *St. Jude* about the Dis-
putation betwixt *Michael* and
the Devil, is not properly ha-
ranguing.

(*k*)—Mr. *M.* from the Win-
dow whither *A. P.* had desired
him to retire Mr. *M.* stay'd
much longer, for he began to
write

that no Body might argue against the Doctor but himself, and instead of answering the Difficulty began a private Parly with Mr. M. And (l) A. P. could never obtain any thing like a Satisfactory Answer to his Difficulty propos'd. In the end he answer'd, the calling the Authority of Scripture in question disposed to Atheism. A. P. reply'd, he believed it might in their Principle, who having taken all Infallibility from the Church, could assert none for the Scripture.

This Debate lasted upwards of 2 Hours, when the Doctor threw in several By-questions about St. Peter's being at *Rome*, (m) which when A. P. was ready to prove (n) the Doctor passed to the Real Presence, and Transubstantiation. A. P. demanded of the Doctor, whom he would be judg'd by (not being able at this time to obtain any Answer to the first and chief Query.) The Doctor replied by the Universal Church. A. P. demanded whether by the Universal Church, now in be-

write upon the Back of D. T's. Paper, as is aforesaid. And he removed upon a Gentlewoman's coming to him with a Mask in her Hand which gave occasion to another of that Sex to say to Mr. M. he chose to dispute rather with Ladies than Doctors. It is unhappy that amidst so many things, we can have nothing sincere, and in its Naturals.

(l) A. P. could never obtain any satisfactory Answer to his Difficulty proposed. The Account shews that fit Answer was obtain'd, tho not accepted.

(m) Which when A. P. was ready to prove. There was no occasion for that, for it was then granted that he was at *Rome*, but not till 25 years after Christ's Ascension.

(n) The Doctor pass'd to the Real Presence and Transubstantiation, Whereas he was led into it by Mr. P. upon his reading about it out of his Books and Sheets.

(o) He-

ing, or by that which had been in the four first Centuries? The Doctor said, that of the four first Centuries.

A. P. asking how we should know the Judgment of those Times? The Doctor answered, by the Testimony of the Fathers then living. Then *A. P.* naming several, and proffering to begin with which the Doctor pleased,(o) he desired to hear St. *Ambrose*.

A. P. thereupon read one out of his 4th Book *de Sacramentis*, which the Doctor noted down, and required *A. P.* to put his Hand to it, which he refus'd for the present, but said, as soon as he had produced his whole Evidence, he would then sign it. But the Doctor plainly refused to hear any more, saying that the rest would prove like that, which he believed to be of a Spurious Author. To which *A. P.* replied, that if he doubted of that Work, he would cite another of the same Author's to the very same Intent of an unquestionable Work. But the Doctor refused absolutely to hear it. And continued

(o) *He desired to hear St. Ambrose.* Mr. *P.* began with it of his own meer Motion, pulling out his Breviary, and reading the words. Dr. *T.* was so far from desiring to hear St. *Ambrose* first, that when Mr. *P.* began with him out of St. *Ambrose*, he told him he should not begin with so late an Author, but with S. *Clement*, and so go downwards. And if Mr. *P.* said any thing in general about Places in the true St. *Ambrose*, Dr. *T.* did not hear him repeat the Words, Nor is any other Book of St. *Ambrose* cited in his Breviary in that Place.

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opress *A. P.* to subscribe.
 He answered, that he would when all his WitnesSES were heard, and with much ado after about 3 quarters of an hour after twenty endeavours, he obliged the Doctor to hear of *Justinus* his Apology to *Antoninus Pius*: (p) but that the Doctor would not note down, or hear one word more, which seeming unreasonable to Mr. *M.* he asked the Doctor (using his own Instance) whether or no, if one should come to pay him a (q) a Sum of Mony, and the first piece might appear somewhat dubious, he would refuse the rest upon that account, especially if the Party was content to change it in the very place.

Now this Paper it is, which has made all the great Noise, as though the Doctor having summ'd up the whole Dis-course, *A. P.* should refuse to sign what he had asserted.

(p) But that the Doctor would not note down. He had no reason to write *a* second Paper after having been refus'd signing of the first. But he spake enough to the Place as is before rehearsed.

(q) Sum of Money. This was said to Mr. *M.* at the Window in the back-Room by Dr. *T.* himself. Mr. *M.* complain'd that Dr. *T.* was too hard upon Mr. *P.* supposing that Book was not St. *Ambrose's*. Dr. *T.* appeals to Mr. *M.* whether his answer was not this; If a Man be to pay me a Sum of Money, and the first peice I take proves a brass Half-Crown, he that offers it to me, either knows it not, or, knowing of it, is not honest in offering it.

as good Coin. If Mr.P. will own either of these, that he was either ignorant, or insincere, I am content.

(r) *The Papists were by their Principles Breakers of their Word.* Mr. P. has forgotten all about his *A-equivocation*, about *Luther*, Pope *Innocent*, and the Council of *Lateran*, the places of Scripture, the Pope's Jurisdiction, &c. But he will not fail of his Insinuation, *He is an Enemy unto Caesar*. And he here makes a Syllogism, which upon the place the Protestants could not hear; and he omits Dr. T's answer to Mr.M. and the Sense of the Company.

In this Debate the Parties rising up, the Doctor was pleased to say, that (r) *the Papists were by their Principles Breakers of their Word*, and proved against A. P. thus;

You believe yours to be the only saving Church, but you are bound to save all you can, therefore you are bound to break your Word (given in your Paper of Rules of your Schools) of not tampering with your Scholars in Matters of Religion. A. P. replied that it was a very injurious Assertion, and prov'd no more against him than his Majesty, which he thus proved. His Majesty believes his to be the only Saving Church, but his Majesty being Head of his People, is bound to endeavour to save them as much as A. P. to save his Scholars, therefore (according to the Doctor's Argument) his Majesty is bound to break his Word given to his People of not forcing their Consciences.

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This Reflection was ill taken, and A. P. said he was willing to believe the Doctor spake it not with any such Intention; but added that it was ill done to vent such Propositions, whence naturally and unavoidably ensued so bad Illations. Then A. P. answered directly, that no body was bound always to do all the good possible: And that to teach *gratis* Learning with the Fear of God was verily well done, although one meddled not with Religion; and defied the Doctor to bring the Scholar, where note, that the Boy, on whose account the Dispute was held, was no Scholar (that ever heard him touch a Point of Controversy in time of Schools, or tamper with him out of them. And this was the Conclusion of our Conference.

(f) If any doubt of the Truth of any thing here asserted, let him go to Dr. T. to be inform'd, and desire him

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(f) If any doubt of the Truth of any thing here asserted, let him go to Dr. T. to be inform'd. There have many come, and none have gone away yet unsatisfied.

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to shew the (t) Famous Paper, as also to receive a more satisfactory Answer, than A. P. could to the main Question.

A. P. had never gone so far, as to give any publick account of this Affair, had not the Town and Kingdom been already full of very false, injurious and scandalous Reports relating thereunto: And tho upon the Doctors instance, A. P. promised ~~not~~ to speak of it from the Pulpit, Sunday next the 9th of this Instant, as he had intended; yet now being so far provoked, he could not in Honour and Conscience but find some means to disabuse the World, since his Adversaries (tho he believes not the Doctor) have been so industrious to impose upon it.

(t) —*The famous Paper.*

No Body boasted of the Paper that Dr. T. knows of with relation to the Contents of it. But they laid some weight upon one's writing & signing, and the other's refusing. Dr. T. had no great value for it, for he left it on the Table. But, it may be, it became the more famous for having been put by Mr. P. into his Pocket, out of which, after much shuffling about it, not knowing where to find it, he was prevailed with to pull it, by the importunity of an ingenuous Woman.

Thus far the Account reach'd which was written with Mr. P's own Hand. But in other Copies it was added, at the End, that Mr. P. desired to meet where Books were, and to have a Scrivener: If he did, he was not in danger of losing what he long'd for. For it was more than once, when Historical Things were talk'd of, that Dr. T. desired that Coaches might be call'd for, and that they might go where Books might be consulted.

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And when Offers, by Dr. T. were made about a *Biblio.*,
about *Beda*, *Æneas Sylvius*, *Hoveden*, and others ; they
were refused. Dr. T. is certain that the Author of the
Speculum, if he has been *by Books*, has not been *in them*
But to what purpose is it to go into Libraries, when
they have already furnish'd the World (*in the Speculum*)
with *Authorities* enough, and it may purchase them for
Six-Pence ?

The Copy of a Letter written by a Romanist,
and conveyed by the Apprentice of ---- in L. A.
to J. S. in order to his transcribing it, and
sending it to his Father into the Country.

Most Dear and Honour'd Father,

NOthing could be more sensible to me than you're extra-ordinary Affection you were pleased to shew in your last, and was there any thing less than an Eternity at stake, and the saving or losing my Immortal Soul; I should have all the repentance in the World of disobliging you. Dear Father, take therefore a sum of those Motives which oblige me in Conscience to betake my self to the Church I am now resolv'd to embrace. The Roman-Catholick Church is allow'd to have been once the true Church built upon the Rock against which our Saviour promised Hell should never prevail, whence unless we will give our Saviour the Lie, she is still so. The Church, I am inform'd, had power during the four first Centuries, to summon nad preicide in General Councils, when any Debate arose concerning Religion, and they were reputed Heretics who obeyed not her Decision. Now the same Reason-

fun and Authority which proves her to have had that power then, proves she must retain it still. Again I have heard clearly made out, that those or that Church are all of one Faith in all Countries. Whereas our Reform'd Churches all clash among themselves, and divide and subdivide without end; and it can't be otherwise, they having no assured Guide, upon which they can rely. It is the Catholick-Church alone which is taught in all Countries, and none but the Pastors of that Church have any Zeal to go among Barbarous and Idolatrous People to convert them; and if there be any Faith in History, God has seconded their Labours with manifest Miracles, Power over Devils, and the like. And I have never heard of any who can assume that to themselves beside them. Again, I am inform'd that among them abundance of Noble and Rich People follow the Evangelical Counsels, and leave all for God's sake; and that they built and founded all those Monuments of Devotion and Churches we see now extant. Whereas our Reform'd Religions, have only serv'd to pull them down. And as I have lastly understood, was founded on the Leachery of King Harry the 8th, the Ambition of the Tutor of King Edward the 6th, and Violence of Queen Elizabeth, and only preserv'd by the Rigors of Penal Laws, and spilling the Blood of those who for a thousand Tears had profess'd the Catholick Faith. All these things I have heard proved, with so much shew of Truth, that I should resist the Holy Ghost, if I obey'd not the Inspiration I have to become a Roman Catholick. Dr. Teneison has discours'd before me four Hours, but I am more confirm'd than I was before. Dear Father, Let not the force of Education and Prejudice so byas your Judgment, as to be angry with me for the best thing I ever have done in my Life; and if you had heard as much as I,

I am sure, you would have that Sense of your Sons to do as I do. All the Stories of their Selling Pardons, of their Idolatry and bloody Principles, are nothing but meer Calumnies. I humbly therefore crave that I may, notwithstanding my present Resolution, still be esteem'd, as I am with all Submission,

Dear Father,

Your most Obedient

and Affectionate Son.

Dr. T's Notes on this Letter.

THE Original of this Letter was sent to Dr. T. together with this Account of it. After J. S. had copied it, and it was seen where he had laid it, and was taken from thence : Mr. V. asked J. S. whether he had finished his Letter, and from what Copy he had taken it ? He answered from no Copy ; he urg'd him thrice, and he still denied it : At last Mr. V. brought forth the Original, and shew'd it to him, &c. then he was silent, instead of begging Pardon of God and his Master.

The Author of the Letter fail'd in his own Art of Cunning, for he endeavoured to write an accurate Letter for a Boy who is not able to write one correct Line, as is plain by that which may be seen in his former Letter to his Father. He should not have perfumed his Paper, if he would not have had the Protestants to smell him out.

<sup>Rom. 11. 20,
1, 22.</sup> 1. He begins the first Motive by saying, and by taking that for granted, which no Protestant will yield to him, that *the Roman Catholick Church is allowed to have been once THE True Church*. This first Motive is a Fallacy, of *The Church*, for *A Church*: The Roman was once *A true Church*, but never *The Church*; and a true Church may fail in Process of Time, as some of the *seven Churches* of the *Lesser Asia* did; and St. Paul caution'd the *Romans* themselves against immoderate Confidence, lest They, as well as the obstinate *Israelites*, should be cut off.

2. The second Motive is taken from the *Power of the Church to summon Councils, and to preside in them*. This is the same Fallacy again of the Power of *The Church in General*, and of the *particular Church of Rome*, whose Popes were sometimes condemned by Councils, which the Emperors summon'd. It is absurd to say that the Church *presides over the Council*; and they who presided, had *Priority* by it for that season, but not further *Power*. Mr. Pulton's (or Mr. Ward's *Speculum*) shews *Sylvester* as presiding at the first *Council of Nice*; but when he recollects himself, and finds he should have represented *Hosius* instead of *Sylvester* (for he was not as is pretended, his *Legat*) he will (I suppose) not be so liberal of Power to the President of a Council. For *Councils* they were not to give a Rule of Faith, but to make Peace in the Church, by proceeding according to the *Rule, the Scripture*. If it had been otherwise, the Christian World, in which from the Beginning were many Divisions and Heresies, had been long without a sufficient Guide or Rule, seeing there was no General Council till 325 years after Christ. They alledged Scriptures, and if they had not done so, Men would not have stood to their

their meer Authority, or to any other Tradition than the Creed, and not to that but by universal Consent, as found in the Holy Bible.

3. The third Motive is their Unity, and the dividing and subdividing of the Reformed without end, as having no Guide. Yet the Protestants have the surest Rule, and due Ministerial Helps; and they have published a *Harmony of Confessions of Faith*. And in the Roman Church, the Jansenists have accused the Jesuits of a new Heresy of the Pope's being infallible in Matters of Fact, and about many other things they are at variance. The Anti-blacloists accuse the Blacloists of Heresy about their Method of Oral Tradition. The Assembly of the Clergy of Hungary have lately condemned the Theses of the Assembly of the Clergy of France, as dangerous to the Souls of Men; and there are now in Spain and Italy great numbers of the Disciples of Molinos, who are against the use of Images in praying, and the Invocation of Saints, and other things for which the rest of the Church of Rome do so very much contend; and it is not long, since the Assembly of the French Clergy approved of a Book of Mr. Gerbais (a), which this best of modern Popes condemned, " forbidding the reading of it upon Pain of Excommunication, and of not being absolv'd by any but this Pope, or some other Pope for the time being, unless in the Article of Death. Certainly what they differed about, must be something of Moment, otherwise it would not have drawn after it so heavy a Sentence. And now we see how Father Walſb and Father Pulton differ here about a General Council, which the said Father P. in his late Catechisms, has own'd as his Rule of Faith.

4. The fourth Motive is the Zeal of making Conversions abroad. The Question is, Whether they are Con-

(a) Gerb. Dis-
sert. de Caus.
major. V. Bref
du 8 Decemb.
p. 84, 85. A&
Cl. Gall.

versions to the true Christianity, of which we have Instances in the English Protestant Colonies. For the *Scribes and Pharisees compass'd Sea and Land to make Proselytes*; but it would have been much better for Religion, if they had staid at home, and mended their own *Morals*. *Balzac* somewhere observes, that most of the Conversions are made in warm Countries, where there is Gold, and other valuable Things; and that the like Zeal does not move them towards cold and barren *Nova Zembla*. And the manner of the Conversions made by the *Spaniards* in *America*, is too Tragical to be related.

5. The fifth Motive is *Miracles*. The Church has no need of them for the confirming the *Apostles Creed*. If the Creed of Pope *Pius* wants them, lying Wonders agree well enough to a Sum of false Articles of Faith. But seeing Miracles are for them that believe not, and not for them who believe, why do they not shew a Sign among us who are not too hasty of Assent to Doctrines properly Roman? The Letter says, none pretend to *Miracles* but the *Romans*, yet even the *Quakers*, and some very nigh to them (a) pretend both to *Miracles* and *Infallibility*.

(a) See Mr. Barclay's possib.
nd necessity of
mmed. Revel.
and Scarlot's
Eternal Gospel.

6. The sixth Motive is, *That Men of Quality go out of the World into Holy Orders*. It is, in the Ecclesiastical State, the readiest way to Preferment, but I do not say that none have better Intentions.

7. The seventh is, *that they built our Churches*. A good Argument for the *Heathens* who built the *Pantheon*, (or the Temple for the Worship of all strange Gods) which now at *Rome*, they use as the Church of *All their Saints*. A good Argument for the *Turks*, who in the *Morea* built many of the *Mosques*, which are now by the *Romanists* used as Churches.

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8. The eighth is the *Leachery of King Henry the 8th.* He liv'd and died a Papist, and many Popes have out-gone him in Vice, and more in Atheism: However, he was a great Prince, and *Luther* is blam'd for using Language towards him which was not so respectful; but the Priests can put into the Mouth of a Boy words very unseemly.

9. The ninth is the *Violence of Queen Elizabeth, &c.* But who are the violent? they that provoke, or they they that punish when justly provok'd? Till the Pope sent his Bull against her, the Papists liv'd in great Quiet and Ease, and came to our Service. *Gabiutius* (b) confesseth that Pope *Pius* did, by all means possible, disturb her Reign; and he himself would not let her die in Peace, for he makes her Death (after a Reign of four and forty years) to be a Judgment upon her, and says as his sort of Charity mov'd him, that *she exchanged a wicked Life for everlasting Death.*

After all this Weaknes of Argument, to pretend to Inspiration, and the *Holy Ghost*, is certainly to grieve that bleffed Spirit of Truth.

After their having taught the Boy to say this of the Spirit of God, 'tis a small thing for them to lessen Dr. T. and to manage him in writing that Dr. T's four hours-Discourse had more confirm'd him. He could scarce be harder than he was before. But these *Virtuosi* have found out an Art of confirming a *Nether Milstone*. May God give J. S. and them the Grace of Sincerity. If they had had a sufficient Measure of it, they would not have taught him to say, that the Roman Faith (such as is now their Faith) had been here for a thousand years. For *Gregory the Great* sent not the same Canon of Scripture they now go by. For he would not allow the Book of *Maccabees* to be Canonical; and what Bible

(b) *Gabiut. in vitâ Pii 5. c. 9.
p. 102. — tandem divino ju-
dicio — im-
piam vitam
cum sempiter-
nâ morte com-
mutaverit,
&c.*

did

did he send, for he confesses he understood no Greek ? Further, it appears from the very Recantation of John Wickliff for the saving of his Life (a), that there was then in England no such Doctrine, as Transubstantiation publickly impos'd as an Article of Faith. That which comes at the close, is still as false. viz. that all the Relations of the selling of Pardons are Stories ; tho the Romish Historians agree in this with the Protestant, that the gross Practice of the Popes selling Pardons by Tezelius, was the occasion of Luther's leaving the Church of Rome.

A Brief Account of Mr. Pulton's second Narrative, with curjory Notes upon it.

After Dr. T. had sent Mr. P. the first Copy of his Account, Mr. P. sent him his second Account, or his Narrative enlarged. On this Dr. T. makes these Cursory Notes.

1. He will have the Conference to be for the sake of J. S. tho Dr. T. had declared otherwise, and cautioned against the old Trick of making a Conversion of one chang'd already to turn upon a verbal Conference. And to the End that the Opinion of Dr. Horneck touching J. S. as well as that of Dr. T's may be the better known, I have here inserted part of a Letter sent to Dr. T. from that Reverend Person.

elsewhere (b) contradicts that Computation) but out of (b) *Eccles. Hist.*
 a passage in *Lactantius* (c) which perhaps being former-
 ly run away with, without due attention to its meaning,
 might occasion that Blunder in Chronology; if Pope
Damasus had not a Finger in that Corruption.

14. He speaks of Dr. T's being judg'd by *the four first Centuries*, which is not the whole Truth; he lik'd them best, but would not be judg'd by them; for he took in Universal Testimony, separate from Authority.

15. Mr. P. affirms, That he had read all Ecclesiastical History, and had Volumes of Notes relating to it. Much good may his Common-place-Book do him, if it be taken out of some such Authors as are cited in his *Speculum*, *Anacletus's Epistle*, *St. Cyprian de cenâ Domini*, *St. Cyril of Jerusalem's Apology against Ruffinus* (who flourished not till about *Anno 390*. whilst *St. Cyril* flourish'd *Anno 350*.) he may call his Notes Collections, but they are properly *Weedings*.

15. He puts upon Dr. T. a false thing, of denying that any Bishops came from *England* to the *Council of Lateran*. Dr. T. is positive, upon Inquiry, that this is a false and unfair way of Apologizing for his own Mistake, by inventing one for him who charg'd him with it. Dr. T. only ask'd a few Questions about that Council, and set Father *Walb* against Father *Pulton*, shewing how far they were from Unity, about what was, and what was not a *General Council*, Mr. *Pulton's Guide*, tho not every *Jesuite's*.

Dr. T. well knew that most of the Roman Communion have insisted on that Council as *General*, tho it be not so. And he well remembers he told Mr. P. he would upon occasion hold him to it, seeing that Council teaches the *Depositing Doctrine*, which Doctrine, notwithstanding, Mr. P. disclaimed at his going forth out of the second Room.

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(b) *I. 2.c. 14. p. 41.*
I. 3. c. 1. p. 56.

(c) *V. Orig.*
Exp. in Gen.
Tom. 3.

(c) *La&. de*
mort. Perfec.
ap. Baluz.
Misc. p. 2, 3.

16, 17. He is much concern'd at Dr. T's insisting on one place in St. Ambrose. Dr. T. insisted upon that for a reason Mr. P. might know, but was not aware of, and it was this: That Passage out of St. Ambrose, had been by a certain Priest translated into English, and given to a Person of Honour in order to Conversion; and this Paper has been long, tho in private manner carried about the Town, as likewise some disjointed Passages transcribed from Dr. Taylor about the *Real Presence*, which taken by themselves do give a most abusive Representation of that Doctor's Sense. This Place being then the Engine of Converters, it was fit to be expos'd. If Mr. P. pleases, I will name Persons and Places to him.

17. Observe here the Fidelity either of Mr. P's Memory, or his Conscience. "He says the Doctor told a Story of some Priest at Rome, who having pronounced "the Words of Consecration, was heard to say aloud, "that he believ'd not as the Roman Church oblig'd. Whereas the Story (as before repeated) was about the Courtesans over-hearing the Priests say, *Bread thou art, and Bread thou shalt be.*

18. Mr. P. (leaving out what was answered to the place in *J. Martyr*) says, "the Doctor would not declare what he believed in the Point of the *Real Presence*," and yet Dr. T. repeated the Words of the *Catechism*, and said he would abide by the true Sense of them.

18. He talks of *knocking the Pulpit*, which words he never nam'd there. What Priests act most there, is known enough to the World.

19. Dr. T. is said to have asked Mr. P. what *Verse* it was wherein it was written—*If he hear not the Church:* Whereas he appeals to all the Company, if he did not ask him in what *Evangelist it was*, and he could not tell, and instead of that Mr. P. says of himself that *he did*

not tell. He had said more than was fit upon other occasions, why was he not in humour to say what was fit here? He adds Dr. T. turning from place to place found it. Whereas he named the Chapter and Verse before he began to turn; and the reason of his turning was manifest, for he could not read the Print by the Light they had, till he was forc'd to pull out his Spectacles. These are very little Remarks, but they discover (that which by God's Grace I shall always abhor) great Shifting and Infincerity.

30. He says, "that Pope *Nicholas* never taught that "the People ate Christ's Flesh as divided into many pieces. But how then does he construe the Confession of *Berengarius* enjoyn'd by the said Pope, and his Synod? " * --- I profess from my Heart, that the true Body and "Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, is, and is sensually, not "only in the Sacrament, but in Verity, handled and "broken by the Priests Hands, and ground by the Teeth "of the Faithful.

32. Dr. T. is said to have cited *Mariana* and *Suarez*. He never nam'd them. The Schoolmaster did. He spake only of *Becanus* and *Doleman*, and of him not under the Name of *Parsons*; for if *Parsons* own'd that Book, he thinks 'twas another Person that wrote it.

32. Mr. P. ends, as he brake up the Conference, with insinuating Words about *Persecution*, and the *Q. of Scots*, and the *Bill of Exclusion*; and he writes as if he had been transcribing *Philaenax*, or, the Book whence he borrow'd, *Jerusalem and Babel*: And makes the fierceness of some Men to be the *Spirit of the Reformation*. I will not touch upon indecent Arguments, but conclude by wishing that Mr. P. well knew what *Spirit he is of*.

T H E - E N D.

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Consecr. p.
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rum Corp. &
Sangu. D. N. J.
Chr. esse, &
sensualiter, non
solidum sacra-
mento, sed in
veritate mani-
bus Sacerdo-
tum tractari,
frangi, & fide-
lium dentibus
atteri, &c.

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TRUE ACCOUNT
OF A
CONFERENCE
John Held about John. 1687. *John. 1687.*
RELIGION
AT

LOND^ON, Septemb. 29. 1687.

Between

A. PULTON, Jesuit,
AND
THO. TENISON, D.D.

As also of that which led to it, and followed
after it.

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to the People, and throw
in impertinent Questions;
A. P. desired him to be
silent, saying, he came
not to dispute with a *Buſ-
foon* but a Doctor, which
was ill taken. Dr. *T.* read
a Lesson of Charity up-
on that occasion, endea-
vouring to prove that
A. P. had violated the
Holy-day. And when
Mr. *M.* said in *A. P.*'s De-
fence that (*b*) *S. Paul* had
used as sharp Language in
a like occasion; The Do-
ctor replied that if *A. P.*
was *S. Paul*, he might
so do. When the Doctor
had done his (*i*) Haran-
gue, *A. P.* returned to
his Argument, and much
importun'd the Doctor to
make out how he was as-
sured his Bible was the
pure Word of God, and
not as full of Corruption
and Falſhood, as he belie-
ved those to be, from
whom he received it.

Here the Doctor call'd
(*k*) Mr. *M.* from the
Window whither *A. P.*
had desired him to retire,
that

(*b*) *St. Paul had us'd as
sharp Language in a like oc-
cation.* This about *St. Paul*
Dr. *T.* does not remember, nor
do others who stood by Mr.
M. for he spake of *St. Jude*,
but perhaps it might be so.

(*i*) *Harangue.* Dr. *T.* knows
not what *Mr. P.* means by
this: For to repeat a Verse
out of *St. Jude* about the Dis-
putation betwixt *Michael* and
the Devil, is not properly ha-
ranguing.

(*k*)--Mr. *M.* from the Win-
dow whither *A. P.* had desired
him to retire. Mr. *M.* stay'd
much longer, for he began to
write

that no Body might argue against the Doctor but himself, and instead of answering the Difficulty began a private Parly with Mr. M. And (l) A. P. could never obtain any thing like a Satisfactory Answser to his Difficulty propos'd. In the end he answer'd, the calling the Authority of Scripture in question disposed to Atheism. A. P. reply'd, he believed it might in their Principle, who having taken all Infallibility from the Church, could assert none for the Scripture.

This Debate lasted upwards of 2 Hours, when the Doctor threw in several By-questions about St. Peter's being at *Rome*, (m) which when A. P. was ready to prove (n) the Doctor pass'd to the Real Presence, and Transubstantiation. A. P. demanded of the Doctor, whom he would be judg'd by (not being able at this time to obtain any Answser to the first and chief Query.) The Doctor replied by the Universal Church. A. P. demanded whether by the Universal Church, now in be-

write upon the Back of D. T's. Paper, as is aforesaid. And he removed upon a Gentlewoman's coming to him with a Mask in her Hand which gave occasion to another of that Sex to say to Mr. M. he chose to dispute rather with Ladies than Doctors. It is unhappy that amidst so many things, we can have nothing sincere, and in its Naturals.

(l) A. P. could never obtain any satisfactory Answser to his Difficulty proposed. The Account shews that fit Answser was obtain'd, tho not accepted.

(m) Which when A. P. was ready to prove. There was no occasion for that, for it was then granted that he was at *Rome*, but not till 25 years after Christ's Ascension.

(n) The Doctor pass'd to the Real Presence and Transubstantiation. Whereas he was led into it by Mr. Plupon his reading about it out of his Books and Sheets.

(o) He

ing, or by that which had been in the four first Centuries? The Doctor said, that of the four first Centuries.

A. P. asking how we should know the Judgment of those Times? The Doctor answered, by the Testimony of the Fathers then living. Then

A. P. naming several, and proffering to begin with which the Doctor pleased, (o) he desired to hear St. *Ambrose*.

A. P. thereupon read one out of his 4th Book *de Sacramentis*, which the Doctor noted down, and required *A. P.* to put his Hand to it, which he refus'd for the present, but said, as soon as he had produced his whole Evidence, he would then sign it. But the Doctor plainly refused to hear any more, saying that the rest would prove like that, which he believed to be of a Spurious Author. To which *A. P.* replied, that if he doubted of that Work, he would cite another of the same Author's to the very same Intent of an unquestionable Work. But the Doctor refused absolutely to hear it. And continued

(o) *He desired to hear St. Ambrose.* Mr. P. began with it of his own meer Motion, pulling out his Breviary, and reading the words. Dr. T. was so far from desiring to hear St. *Ambrose* first, that when Mr. P. began with him out of St. *Ambrose*, he told him he should not begin with so late an Author, but with S. *Clement*, and so go downwards. And if Mr. P. said any thing in general about Places in the true St. *Ambrose*, Dr. T. did not hear him repeat the Words. Nor is any other Book of St. *Ambrose* cited in his Breviary in that Place.

opress *A. P.* to subscribe.
He answered, that he would
when all his Witnesses were
heard, and with much ado
after about 3 quarters of an
hour after twenty endeavours,
he obliged the Doctor
to hear of *Justinus* his Apo-
logy to *Antoninus Pius*: (p)
but that the Doctor would not
note down, or hear one word
more, which seeming unre-
asonable to Mr. *M.* he asked
the Doctor (using his own
Instance) whether or no, if
one should come to pay him a
(q) a Sum of Money, and the
first piece might appear some-
what dubious, he would re-
fuse the rest upon that ac-
count, especially if the Party
was content to change it in
the very place.

Now this Paper it is, which
has made all the great Noise,
as though the Doctor having
summ'd up the whole Dis-
course, *A. P.* should refuse to
sign what he had asserted.

(p) *But that the Doctor*
would not note down. He
had no reason to write *a*
second Paper after having
been refus'd signing of the
first. But he spake enough
to the Place as is before
rehearsed.

(q) *Sum of Money.* This
was said to Mr. *M.* at the
Window in the back-
Room by Dr. *T.* himself.
Mr. *M.* complain'd that
Dr. *T.* was too hard upon
Mr. *P.* supposing that
Book was not St. *Ambrose's*. Dr. *T.* appeals to
Mr. *M.* whether his an-
swer was not this; If a
Man be to pay me a Sum
of Money, and the first
peice I take proves a brass
Half-Crown, he that of-
fers it to me, either knows
it not, or, knowing of it,
is not honest in offering it.

as good Com. If Mr. P. will own either of these, that he was either ignorant, or insincere, I am content.

(r) *The Papists were by their Principles Breakers of their Word.* Mr. P. has forgotten all about his *Æquivation*, about *Luther*, Pope *Innocent*, and the Council of *Lateran*, the places of Scripture, the Pope's Jurisdiction, &c. But he will not fail of his Insinuation, *He is an Enemy unto Caesar.* And he here makes a Syllogism, which upon the place the Protestants could not hear; and he omits Dr. T's answer to Mr. M. and the Sense of the Company.

In this Debate the Parties rising up, the Doctor was pleased to say, that (r) the Papists were by their Principles Breakers of their Word, and proved against A. P. thus;

You believe yours to be the only saving Church, but you are bound to save all you can, therefore you are bound to break your Word (given in your Paper of Rules of your Schools) of not tampering with your Scholars in Matters of Religion. A. P. replied that it was a very injurious Assertion, and prov'd no more against him than his Majesty, which he thus proved. His Majesty believes his to be the only Saving Church, but his Majesty being Head of his People, is bound to endeavour to save them as much as A. P. to save his Scholars, therefore (according to the Doctor's Argument) his Majesty is bound to break his Word given to his People of not forcing their Consciences.

This Reflection was ill taken, and A. P. said he was willing to believe the Doctor spake it not with any such Intention; but added that it was ill done to vent such Propositions, whence naturally and unavoidably ensued so bad Illations. Then A. P. answered directly, that no body was bound always to do all the good possible: And that to teach *gratis* Learning with the Fear of God was very well done, although one meddled not with Religion; and defied the Doctor to bring the Scholar, where note, that the Boy, on whose account the Dispute was held, was no Scholar (that ever heard him touch a Point of Controversy in time of Schools, or tamper with him out of them. And this was the Conclusion of our Conference.

(J) If any doubt of the Truth of any thing here asserted, let him go to Dr. T. to be inform'd, and desire him

(J) If any doubt of the Truth of any thing here asserted, let him go to Dr. T. to be inform'd. There have many come, and none have gone away yet unanswer'd.

to shew the (*t*) Famous Pa-
per, as also to receive a more
satisfactory Answer, than
A. P. could to the main Que-
stion.

A. P. had never gone so
far, as to give any publick ac-
count of this Affair, had not
the Town and Kingdom been
already full of very false, in-
jurious and scandalous Re-
ports relating thereunto: And
tho upon the Doctors instance,
A. P. promised not to speak
of it from the Pulpit, *Sunday*
next the 9th of this Instant,
as he had intended; yet now
being so far provoked, he
could not in Honour and Con-
science but find some means
to disabuse the World, since
his Adversaries (tho he be-
lieves not the Doctor) have
been so industrious to impose
upon it.

Thus far the Account reach'd which was written
with Mr. P's own Hand. But in other Copies it was
added, at the End, that Mr. P. desired to meet where
Books were, and to have a Scrivener: If he did, he was
not in danger of losing what he long'd for. For it was
more than once, when Historical Things were talk'd of,
that Dr. T. desired that Coaches might be call'd for, and
that they might go where Books might be consulted.

(*t*)—*The famous Paper.*
No Body boasted of the
Paper that Dr. T. knows
of with relation to the
Contents of it. But they
laid some weight upon
one's writing & signing,
and the other's refusing.
Dr. T. had no great value
for it, for he left it on the
Table. But, it may be,
it became the more fa-
mous for having been put
by Mr. P. into his Pocket,
out of which, after much
shuffling about it, not
knowing where to find
it, he was prevailed
with to pull it, by the
importunity of an inge-
nious Woman.

And when Offers, by Dr. T. were made about a *Bible*, about *Beda*, *Aeneas Sylvius*, *Hoveden*, and others ; they were refused. Dr. T. is certain that the Author of the *Speculum*, if he has been by Books, has not been in them But to what purpose is it to go into Libraries, whea they have already furnish'd the World (in the *Speculum*) with Authorities enough, and it may purchase them for Six-Pence ?

The Copy of a Letter written by a Romanist, and conveyed by the Apprentice of ---- in L. A. to J. S. in order to his transcribing it, and sending it to his Father into the Country.

Most Dear and Honoured Father,

NOthing could be more sensible to me than you're extr aor-
dinary Affection you were pleased to shew in your last,
and was there any thing less than an Eternity at stake, and
the saving or losing my Immortal Soul ; I should have all the
repentance in the World of disobliging you. Dear Father,
take therefore a sum of those Motives which oblige me in
Conscience to betake my self to the Church I am now
resolv'd to embrace. The Roman-Catholick Church is
allow'd to have been once the true Church built upon the
Rock against which our Saviour promised Hell should
never prevail, whence unless we will give our Saviour
the Lie, she is still so. The Church, I am inform'd,
had power during the four first Centuries, to summon
and preicide in General Councils, when any Debate a-
rose concerning Religion, and they were reputed Heret-
icks who obeyed not her Decision. Now the same Rea-
son

Son and Authority which proves her to have had that
 power then, proves she must retain it still. Again I
 have heard clearly made out, that those or that
 Church are all of one Faith in all Countries. Whereas
 our Reform'd Churches all clasp among themselves, and
 divide and subdivide without end; and it can't be other-
 wise, they having no assured Guide, upon which they can
 rely. It is the Catholick-Church alone which is taught in
 all Countries, and none but the Pastors of that Church
 have any Zeal to go among Barbarous and Idolatrous
 People to convert them; and if there be any Faith in
 History, God has seconded their Labours with manifest
 Miracles, Power over Devils, and the like. And I
 have never heard of any who can assume that to them-
 selves beside them. Again, I am inform'd that among
 them abundance of Noble and Rich People follow the
 Evangelical Counsels, and leave all for God's sake; and
 that they built and founded all those Monuments of De-
 votion and Churches we see now extant. Whereas our
 Reform'd Religions, have only serv'd to pull them down.
 And as I have lastly understood, was founded on the
 Leachery of King Harry the 8th, the Ambition of the
 Tutor of King Edward the 6th, and Violence of Queen
 Elizabeth, and only preserv'd by the Rigors of Penal
 Laws, and spilling the Blood of those who for a thousand
 Years had profess'd the Catholick Faith. All these things
 I have heard proved, with so much shew of Truth,
 that I should resist the Holy Ghost, if I obey'd not the In-
 spiration I have to become a Roman Catholick. Dr. Te-
 nison has discouf'd before me four Hours, but I am more
 confirm'd than I was before. Dear Father, Let not the
 force of Education and Prejudice so byas your Judgment,
 as to be angry with me for the best thing I ever have
 done in my Life, and if you had heard as much as I,

I am sure, you would have that Sense of your Son's as
to do as I do. All the Stories of their Selling Pardons,
of their Idolatry and bloody Principles, are nothing but
meer Calumnies. I humbly therefore crave that I may,
notwithstanding my present Resolution, still be esteem'd,
as I am with all Submission,

Dear Father,

Your most Obedient

and Affectionate Son.

Dr. T's Notes on this Letter.

THE Original of this Letter was sent to Dr. T. together with this Account of it. After J. S. had copied it, and it was seen where he had laid it, and was taken from thence: Mr. V. asked J. S. whether he had finished his Letter, and from what Copy he had taken it? He answered from no Copy; he urg'd him thrice, and he still denied it: At last Mr. V. brought forth the Original, and shew'd it to him, &c. then he was silent, instead of begging Pardon of God and his Master.

The Author of the Letter fail'd in his own Art of Cunning, for he endeavoured to write an accurate Letter for a Boy who is not able to write one correct Line, as is plain by that which may be seen in his former Letter to his Father. He should not have perfumed his Paper, if he would not have had the Protestants to smell him out.

Rom. II. 20,
I, 22.

1. He begins the first Motive by saying, and by taking that for granted, which no Protestant will yield to him, that *the Roman Catholick Church is allowed to have been once THE True Church*. This first Motive is a Fallacy, of *The Church*, for *A Church*: The Roman was once *A true Church*, but never *The Church*; and a true Church may fail in Process of Time, as some of the *seven Churches of the Lesser Asia* did; and St. Paul caution'd the *Romans* themselves against immoderate Confidence, lest They, as well as the obstinate *Israelites*, should be *cut off*.

2. The second Motive is taken from the *Power of the Church to summon Councils, and to preside in them*. This is the same Fallacy again of the Power of *The Church in General*, and of the *particular Church of Rome*, whose Popes were sometimes condemned by Councils, which the Emperors summon'd. It is absurd to say that the Church *presides over the Council*; and they who presided, had *Priority* by it for that season, but not further *Power*. Mr. Pulton's (or Mr. Ward's *Speculum*) shews *Sylvester* as presiding at the first *Council of Nice*; but when he recollects himself, and finds he should have represented *Hosius* instead of *Sylvester* (for he was not as is pretended, his *Legat*) he will (I suppose) not be so liberal of Power to the President of a Council. For *Councils* they were not to give a Rule of Faith, but to make Peace in the Church, by proceeding according to the *Rule, the Scripture*. If it had been otherwise, the Christian World, in which from the Beginning were many Divisions and Heresies, had been long without a sufficient Guide or Rule, seeing there was no General Council till 325 years after Christ. They alledged Scriptures, and if they had not done so, Men would not have stood to their

their meer Authority, or to any other Tradition than the Creed, and not to that but by universal Consent, as found in the Holy Bible.

3. The third Motive is *their Unity, and the dividing and subdividing of the Reformed without end, as having no Guide.* Yet the Protestants have the surest Rule, and due Ministerial Helps; and they have published a *Harmony of Confessions of Faith.* And in the *Roman Church*, the *Jansenists* have accused the *Jesuits* of a *new Heresy* of the *Pope's* being *infallible in Matters of Faith*, and about many other things they are at variance. The *Anti-blacloists* accuse the *Blacloists* of *Heresy* about their Method of Oral Tradition. The *Assembly of the Clergy of Hungary* have lately condemned the *Theses of the Assembly of the Clergy of France*, as dangerous to the Souls of Men; and there are now in *Spain* and *Italy* great numbers of the Disciples of *Molinos*, who are against the use of Images in praying, and the Invocation of Saints, and other things for which the rest of the Church of *Rome* do so very much contend; and it is not long, since the *Assembly of the French Clergy* approved of a Book of Mr. *Gerbaïs* (a), which *this best of modern Popes* condemned, " forbidding the reading of " it upon Pain of Excommunication, and of not being " absolv'd by any but this Pope, or some other Pope for " the time being, unless in the Article of Death. Certainly what they differed about, must be something of Moment, otherwise it would not have drawn after it so heavy a Sentence. And now we see how Father *Walſb* and Father *Pulton* differ here about a General Council, which the said Father *P.* in his late Catechisings, has own'd as his Rule of Faith.

4. The fourth Motive is the Zeal of *making Conversions abroad.* The Question is, Whether they are Con-

(a) Gerb. Dif.
fert. de Cauf.
major. V. Bre
du 8 Decemb.
p. 84, 85. Act
Cl. Gall.

versions to the true Christianity, of which we have Instances in the English Protestant Colonies. For the *Scribes and Pharisees compass'd Sea and Land to make Proselytes*; but it would have been much better for Religion, if they had staid at home, and mended their own *Morals*. Balzac somewhere observes, that most of the Conversions are made in warm Countries, where there is Gold, and other valuable Things; and that the like Zeal does not move them towards cold and barren *Nova Zembla*. And the manner of the Conversions made by the *Spaniards in America*, is too Tragical to be related.

5. The fifth Motive is *Miracles*. The Church has no need of them for the confirming the *Apostles Creed*. If the Creed of Pope *Pius* wants them, lying Wonders agree well enough to a Sum of false Articles of Faith. But seeing Miracles are for them that believe not, and not for them who believe, why do they not shew a Sign among us who are not too hasty of Assent to Doctrines properly Roman? The *Letter* says, none pretend to *Miracles* but the *Romans*, yet even the *Quakers*, and some very nigh to them (a) pretend both to *Miracles* and *Infallibility*.

(a) See Mr. Marclay's possib.
and necessity of
omed. Revel.
and Scarlot's
eternal Gospel.

6. The sixth Motive is, *That Men of Quality go out of the World into Holy Orders*. It is, in the Ecclesiastical State, the readiest way to Preferment, but I do not say that none have better Intentions.

7. The seventh is, *that they built our Churches*. A good Argument for the *Heathens* who built the *Pantheon*, (or the Temple for the Worship of all strange Gods) which now at *Rome*, they use as the Church of *All their Saints*. A good Argument for the *Turks*, who in the *Morea* built many of the *Mosques*, which are now by the *Romanists* used as Churches.

8. The eighth is the *Leachery of King Henry the 8th.* He liv'd and died a Papist, and many Popes have out-gone him in Vice, and more in Atheism: However, he was a great Prince, and *Luther* is blam'd for us'g Language towards him which was not so respectful; but the Priests can put into the Mouth of a Boy words very unseemly.

9. The ninth is the *Violence of Queen Elizabeth, &c.* But who are the violent? they that provoke, or they they that punish when justly provok'd? Till the Pope sent his Bull against her, the Papists liv'd in great Quiet and Ease, and came to our Service. *Gabinius* (b) confesseth that Pope *Pius* did, by all means possible, disturb her Reign; and he himself would not let her die in Peace, for he makes her Death (after a Reign of four and forty years) to be a Judgment upon her, and says as his sort of Charity mov'd him, that *she exchanged a wicked Life for everlasting Death.*

After all this Weaknes of Argument, to pretend to Inspiration, and the *Holy Ghost*, is certainly to grieve that blessed Spirit of Truth.

After their having taught the Boy to say this of the Spirit of God, 'tis a small thing for them to lessen Dr. T. and to manage him in writing that Dr. T's four hours-Discourse had more confirm'd him. He could scarce be harder than he was before. But these *Virtuosi* have found out an Art of confirming a *Nether Milstone*. May God give *J. S.* and them the Grace of Sincerity. If they had had a sufficient Measure of it, they would not have taught him to say, that the Roman Faith (such as is now their Faith) had been here for a thousand years. For *Gregory the Great* sent not the same Canon of Scripture they now go by. For he would not allow the Book of *Maccabees* to be Canonical; and what Bible did

(b) *Gabin.* in
vita Pii s. c. 9.
p. 102. —tandem divino ju-
dicio —im-
pian vitam
cum sempiter-
na'more com-
mutaverit,
&c.

did he send, for he confesses he understood no Greek? Further, it appears from the very Recantation of John Wickliff for the saving of his Life (a), that there was then in England no such Doctrine, as Transubstantiation publickly impos'd as an Article of Faith. That which comes at the close, is still as false. viz. that all the Relations of the selling of Pardons are Stories; tho the Romish Historians agree in this with the Protestant, that the gross Practice of the Popes selling Pardons by Tezelius, was the occasion of Luther's leaving the Church of Rome.

A Brief Account of Mr. Pulton's second Narrative, with cursory Notes upon it.

After Dr. T. had sent Mr. P. the first Copy of his Account, Mr. P. sent him his second Account, or his Narrative enlarged. On this Dr. T. makes these Cursory Notes.

1. He will have the Conference to be for the sake of J. S. tho Dr. T. had declared otherwise, and cautioned against the old Trick of making a Conversion of one chang'd already to turn upon a verbal Conference. And to the End that the Opinion of Dr. Horneck touching J. S. as well as that of Dr. T.'s may be the better known, I have here inserted part of a Letter sent to Dr. T. from that Reverend Person.

Reverend Sir,

Octob. the 13th 87.

VVHEN the Boy came to me with his Master, I looked upon him, and met bought I saw Stubbornness, Ill-nature, and Sullenness in his Face : I asked him several Questions, but had much ado to get an Answer from him. To me he seem'd to intimate that he was already gone over to them. Something I dropt accidentally about Succession, which he laid hold of, and with a kind of scornful Smile demanded, what Succession we could shew? I told him both for Men and Doctrine, and proved it to him. But after that he gave me little or no Answer to any thing I asked him. I made him promise me to consider of what I had said, and to come to me again, which after some Demurr, he did ; but never came. I suppose you have an Account of the Sermon that was preach'd at the Mass-House in the Savoy on Sunday last, &c. The Publication of the Conference will be absolutely necessary. I was at Black-Friars yesterday, and heard that a Man having heard that the Victory went on the Papists Side, was turn'd Papist upon it. This I had from the Man's Neighbour, who ask'd me about that Conference, but I rectified his Mistake. I am

SIR,

Yours to command

A. Horneck.

Note

Note. Dr. H. was not consulted till Octob. 13. which confirms fully both what Mr. V. had said of J. S. and Dr. T. had observed of him.

These Numbers relate to Mr. P's Paragraphs.

4. He makes Dr. T. to say that *Luther's* Works were not in *Quarto* but in *Folio*, instead of saying in four or in six *Folio's*, which small things I would not note, if they did not shew that a Thread of Mistake (sometimes wilful, and sometimes not) does run through his whole Narrative.

He goes on, saying, that he had not brought the Book into the *Pulpit*: we never talk'd of it, but as shown privately in his Chamber, and by this way of excusing his *Æquivocation*, he exposes it.

10. He says Dr. T. appeal'd to the *Greeks* and *Böharians*. But certainly to say, as Dr. T. did, that there were amongst them Christians professing the Faith of the Apostles Creed, and disclaiming the Errors of *Rome* before *Luther* rose, is not *appealing* to them.

12. What Mr. P. says of Dr. T's boast of having ten thousand Pounds worth of Books (if his Amanuensis has not mistaken in the figuring) will not be easily credited.

13. Mr. P. would not have said what he does of St. Peter's 25 years, if he had not mistaken Dr. T. who never deny'd that St. Peter was ever at *Rome*, but spake of the 25 Years before he came thither, not out of *Eusebius's Cronicon*, as Mr. P. imagin'd (tho in that Book the 25 in the *Latin*, is not in the *Greek*, and *Eusebius* else-

elsewhere (b) contradicts that Computation) but out of (b) Eus.E.Hi.
a passage in *Lactantius* (c) which perhaps being former-
ly run away with, without due attention to its meaning,
might occasion that Blunder in Chronology; if Pope
Damasus had not a Finger in that Corruption.

14. He speaks of Dr. T's being judg'd by *the four first Centuries*, which is not the whole Truth; he lik'd them best, but would not be judg'd by them; for he took in Universal Testimony, separate from Authority.

15. Mr. P. affirms, That *he had read all Ecclesiastical History, and had Volumes of Notes relating to it.* Much good may his *Common-place-Book* do him, if it be taken out of some such Authors as are cited in his *Speculum, Anacletus's Epistle, St. Cyprian de canâ Domini, St. Cyril of Jerusalem's Apology against Ruffinus* (who flourished not till about *Anno 390.* whilst St. Cyril flourish'd *Anno 350.*) he may call his Notes *Collections*, but they are properly *Weedings*.

15. He puts upon Dr. T. a false thing, of denying that any Bishops came from *England* to the *Council of Lateran.* Dr. T. is positive, upon Inquiry, that this is a false and unfair way of Apologizing for his own Mistake, by inventing one for him who charg'd him with it. Dr. T. only ask'd a few Questions about that Council, and set Father *Walsh* against Father *Pulton*, shewing how far they were from Unity, about what was, and what was not a *General Council*, Mr. *Pulton's Guide*, tho not every *Jesuite's*.

Dr. T. well knew that most of the Roman Communion have insisted on that Council as *General*, tho it be not so. And he well remembers he told Mr. P. he would upon occasion hold him to it, seeing that Council teaches the *Deposing Doctrine*, which Doctrine, notwithstanding, Mr. P. disclaimed at his going forth out of the second Room.

i. 2. c. 14. p. 4
i. 3. c. i. p. 5
57. V. Orig.
Exp. in Gen.
Tom. 3.

(c) *Lact. de mort. Perfec.*
ap. *Baluz.*
Misc. p. 2, 3.

16, 17. He is much concern'd at Dr. T's insisting on
 one place in St. *Ambrose*. Dr. T. insisted upon that for a
 reaſon Mr. P. might know, but was not aware of, and
 it was this: That Paſſage out of St. *Ambrose*, had been
 by a certain Priest tranſlated into English, and given to
 a Person of Honour in order to Conversion; and this
 Paper has been long, tho in private manner carried about
 the Town, as likewiſe ſome diſjointed Paſſages tranſcri-
 bed from Dr. *Taylor* about the *Real Preſence*, which ta-
 ken by themſelves do give a moft abuſive Repréſentation
 of that Doctor's ſenſe. This Place being then the En-
 gine of Converters, it was fit to be expos'd. If Mr. P.
 pleaſes, I will name Persons and Places to him.

17. Obſerve here the Fidelity either of Mr. P's Me-
 mory, or his Conſcience. "He lays the Doctor told a Sto-
 ry of ſome Priest at *Rome*, who having pronounced
 "the Words of Conſecration, was heard to ſay aloud,
 "that he believ'd not as the Roman Church oblig'd.
 Whereas the Story (as before repeated) was about the
Courteſans over-hearing the Priests ſay, *Bread thou art,*
and Bread thou ſhalt be.

18. Mr. P. (leaving out what was anſwered to the
 place in *J. Martyr*) ſays, "the Doctor would not de-
 "clare what he believed in the Point of the *Real Pre-*
"ſence, and yet Dr. T. repeated the Words of the *Cate-*
"chism, and ſaid he would abide by the true ſenſe of them.

18. He talks of *knocking the Pulpit*, which words he
 never nam'd there. What Priests act moſt there, is
 known enough to the World.

19. Dr. T. is ſaid to have asked Mr. P. what *Verse* it
 was wherein it was written—*If he hear not the Church:*
 Whereas he appeals to all the Company, if he did not
 ask him in what *Evangelist* it was, and he could not tell,
 and instead of that Mr. P. ſays of himſelf that *he did*
not

not tell. He had said *more than was fit* upon other occasions, why was he not in humour to say *what was fit* here? He adds Dr. T. *turning from place to place found it.* Whereas he named the Chapter and Verse before he began to turn; and the reason of his turning was manifest, for he could not read the Print by the Light they had, till he was forc'd to pull out his Spectacles. These are very little Remarks, but they discover (that which by God's Grace I shall always abhor) great Shifting and Insincerity.

30. He says, "that Pope *Nicholas* never taught that
 "the People ate Christ's Flesh as divided into many pie-
 ces. But how then does he construe the Confession of
Berengarius enjoyn'd by the said Pope, and his Synod?
 " * --- I profess from my Heart, that the true Body and
 " Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, is, and is sensually, not
 " only in the Sacrament, but in Verity, handled and
 " broken by the Priests Hands, and ground by the Teeth
 " of the Faithful.

32. Dr. T. is said to have cited *Mariana* and *Suarez*. He never nam'd them. The Schoolmaster did. He spake only of *Becanus* and *Doleman*, and of him not under the Name of *Parsons*; for if *Parsons* own'd that Book, he thinks 'twas another Person that wrote it.

32. Mr. P. ends, as he brake up the Conference, with insinuating Words about *Persecution*, and the Q. of *Scots*, and the Bill of *Exclusion*; and he writes as if he had been transcribing *Philanax*, or, the Book whence he borrow'd, *Jerusalem* and *Babel*: And makes the fierceness of some Men to be the *Spirit of the Reformation*. I will not touch upon indecent Arguments, but conclude by willing that Mr. P. well knew what *Spirit he is of*.

BOOKS lately printed for Richard Chiffell.

THE Pillar and Ground of Truth. A Treatise shewing that the Roman Church falsly claims to be *That Church*, and the Pillar of *That Truth* mentioned by St. Paul in his First Epistle to *Timothy*. Chap. 3. Ver. 15. 4°.

The Peoples Right to read the Holy Scripture Asserted. 4°.

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